



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2025-214
Title: Authorize Resolution & Letter to the Minister - Strong Mayor Powers
Date: June 17, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Roland Larabie
Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has expanded Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities across the province;
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing values a democratic, collaborative approach to municipal governance in which all members of Council are equal participants in the decision-making process;
AND WHEREAS Council believes that the Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic accountability, diminish transparency and centralizes excessive power in a single elected official;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing does not support the implementation of Strong Mayor Powers within its jurisdiction;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor to send a letter to Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing communicating this position;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for their information and support.

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