



October 30, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Ford:

On October 27, 2020 Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution regarding proposed amendments to the Municipal Elections Act contained in Bill 218 - Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act.

Resolution #10-VC14-2020

Moved by John Creelman, Seconded by Fred Nix

WHEREAS Bill 218 - Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act removes the option for municipalities to use the ranked ballot in elections thereby impacting the one municipality already using the ranked ballot, namely London, as well as a number of others committed to, or considering introducing a ranked ballot;

AND WHEREAS the only explanation given for this is that we should not be 'experimenting' with the electoral process during a pandemic mindful that ranked ballot voting is not an experiment but widely used throughout the world and also that our next election is just under two years away;

AND WHEREAS Bill 218 also moves up the municipal nomination date from the end of July to mid-September for no apparent reason thereby reinforcing the power of incumbency and potentially discouraging broader participation in municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS these changes are being proposed without any consultation with AMO, municipalities or the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Mono request the Provincial Government to rescind these changes and that letters in support of this position be sent to MPP Sylvia Jones, Premier Doug Ford as well as local municipalities.

"Carried"

Respectfully,

Fred Simpson
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General & MPP Dufferin-Caledon
Standing Committee on Justice Policy
All County of Dufferin Municipalities