

Whereas Bill 70, Building Ontario Up for Everyone Act (Budget Measures), 2016, amended Section 218 of the Municipal Act to prescribe that *"for a regional municipality other than the County of Oxford, the head of council shall be elected by general vote in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;"* and,

Whereas in the absence of a legislated definition for 'general vote', this amendment could be interpreted to mean a general vote of a lower-tier municipality, rather than an election at large across the entire regional municipality; and,

Whereas 21 upper-tier municipalities, such as the County of Simcoe, are exempted from the provisions of Bill 70 and are permitted to select their heads of council from among their own membership who are elected by a general vote of a lower-tier municipality;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be requested to enact a regulation to:

1. exempt York Region from the requirements set out in Section 218 of the Municipal Act with respect to electing the head of the upper-tier municipality by general vote conducted across all nine local municipalities; and,
2. confirm that York Region Council will duly appoint one of its directly elected members as the Regional Chair, who will maintain his/her position on the council of the local municipality; and,
3. reduce the composition of Regional Council from 21 to 20 members without being subject to the notice, triple majority and timing requirements set out in Section 219 of the Municipal Act; and further,
4. the requested changes come into effect for the 2018 Municipal Election.

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Council Agenda to  
be debated

