WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed a revised Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) for review and comment on the Environmental Registry until June 5, 2023;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes will have significant impacts to local planning and the development of the City of Waterloo;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo:

1. Request the Government of Ontario continue to maintain a framework for consistent and coordinated population and employment projections for growth.
2. Request the Government of Ontario implement stronger policies and associated justification for settlement boundary expansions, with primary tests being demonstrated need and the ability to cost-effectively extend infrastructure to any expansions.
3. Request the Government of Ontario require strong justification for the conversion of employment lands and require municipalities to ensure that adequate employment land is provided to create a complete community.
4. Request the Government of Ontario remove references in the PPS where policies require municipalities to allow/permit certain development, being polices 2.8.1.4. and 4.3.3.1.a..
5. Request the Government of Ontario continue to direct growth to settlement areas, and remove the proposed policies to permit lot severances in prime agricultural areas.
6. Request the Government of Ontario continue to require municipalities to plan for affordable housing, through the application of affordable housing targets.
7. Request the Government of Ontario continue to require minimum intensification targets within the 29 fast growing municipalities in Ontario, and prohibiting the minimum intensification targets from being appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
8. Request the Government of Ontario continue to emphasize that vibrant and successful communities include space for a myriad of important sectors, including but not only housing.
9. Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, area MPP’s, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and area municipalities.