**Motion: Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5**

**Whereas** the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning policies, including replacing the **Endangered Species Act** with a new framework that reduces protections for at-risk species, and enabling the creation of **Special Economic Zones** that may override local planning authority and environmental oversight;

**And whereas** the Town of Orangeville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes;

**And whereas** Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for natural heritage systems, threatening biodiversity, and diminishing the authority of municipalities to manage growth in accordance with local needs and official plans;

**Therefore be it resolved** that Council for the Town of Orangeville:

1. **Opposes** the provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
2. **Urges** the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools;
3. **Directs** that a copy of this resolution be sent to:
	* The Honourable **Rob Flack**, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
	* The Honourable **Todd J. McCarthy**, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
	* The Honourable **Doug Ford**, Premier of Ontario;
	* The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
	* All Ontario municipalities.