

MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES MEETING

RESOLUTION #

DATE: February 5, 2024

MOVED BY Mayor Foster

SECONDED BY Councillor

Whereas the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA) has not been comprehensively reviewed in over 30 years;

And whereas municipalities consider transparency an important tool for building and maintaining public trust and recognize the importance of continuously improving;

And whereas municipal administrators need legislation that supports effective local program delivery, is responsive to current technology and reflects its original intent of open and accountable government;

And whereas MFFIPA presents a number of challenges for municipal staff which can hinder its effectiveness and efficiency when it comes to serving the public;

And whereas municipalities should have updated legislation that ensures municipal resources are best allocated; increases trust in public institutions through strengthening accountability, transparency and responsiveness; and addresses the needs of the digital era;

And whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has comprehensively reviewed MFIPPA and put forward recommendations in their submission "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act";

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery be requested to review MFIPPA and consider recommendations as outlined by AMCTO within their submission, "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act"; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, local MPPs, AMO, AMCTO.