June 6, 2025

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Planning Branch

13th Floor, 777 Bay Street

Toronto, ON

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Dear Minister Flack:

RE: Changes to Planning Act and Development Charges Act

 Bill 17 - Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act

ERO number 025-0461 and Regulatory Registry number 25-MMAH003

At its June 4, 2025 County Council meeting, the attached staff report was received, and staff were directed to submit the report as formal comments from the County of Peterborough regarding Bill 17, the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025.

The report highlights the following concerns:

* Potential loss of ability for Municipalities to conduct independent peer review of studies submitted in support of development applications
* Disruption in revenue stream and difficulty for Municipalities to collect Development Charges

Further details regarding the above-noted points and additional commentary are contained in the attached report.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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