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Ingersoll, ON April 10, 2025

A statement from the Mayor:

Hello Ingersoll,

On April 9, 2025, the provincial government announced it was expanding the list of municipalities where strong mayor powers apply, starting May 1, 2025.

Ingersoll was one of the 169 municipalities on the list.

I want to start by saying that at no time was this change requested, and I didn't have any knowledge that the change was coming prior to the release from the province.

I have been clear in my stance on strong mayor powers that it's not something that I support.

We have an elected group of people that work together to achieve the goals of our community, and everyone deserves an equal voice and vote at the table. It's been a pillar of local government for over 200 years.

I want to assure you that that will continue to be the case going forward in Ingersoll.

I will be delegating all powers that I can back to Council and the CAO.

Every decision made will continue to be that of the majority of Council.

The Town's CAO will continue to be the employee of Council.

The Town staff will continue to be chosen and directed by the Town's CAO, Michael Graves.

I will work with Council and staff to ensure that it's business as usual and that everyone has an equal say and vote because that's how I think we get the best decisions for our community.

Town of Ingersoll Mayor,
Brian Petrie

