

## HOUSING

# Province advances rejected condo project

Plan has Oakville council at odds with Queen's Park

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The Ford government is moving ahead with controversial plans for a condo project that would see 11 skyscrapers built on an Oakville plot the size of the Rogers Centre — all against the local town council's wishes.

The government recently posted a proposal for minister's zoning orders to greenlight the project, which would bring more than 11,000 people to an area under five hectares near the Oakville GO station. The project would benefit a company partly owned by a developer Ford has described as a personal friend.

The orders, known as MZO, allow the province to make changes to land zoning rules, overriding municipalities' visions for what best suits their communities. The Ford government has been criticized for being overzealous in its use of the fast-tracking tool to the benefit of certain developers.

Oakville council and the province have been at odds over their vision for the land near Oakville GO station for the past year.

After the town council did not approve the original building applications filed by the developers, the Ontario government stepped in

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