

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

August 26, 2022

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August 12, 2022

Mayor Janice Jackson
Town of South Bruce Peninsula
PO Box 310
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Via Email: janice.jackson@southbrucepeninsula.com

Re: Endorsement of Resolution - Physician Shortages In Ontario

Further to your correspondence dated July 22, 2022 regarding the above noted matter, please be advised that Hanover Council passed the following resolution at their August 8, 2022 meeting:

Moved by COUNCILLOR HOCKING | Seconded by COUNCILLOR KOEBEL

THAT the Council of the Town of Hanover support the motion from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requesting that the Province acknowledge the shortage in all health care worker disciplines and that they take steps to increase the number of practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario. **CARRIED**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,



Vicki McDonald
Clerk

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Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
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All Municipalities in Ontario



August 19, 2022

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street
17th Floor
Toronto ON
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Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their August 18, 2022 Council meeting adopted the following resolution:

"That Council receive the letter dated August 10, 2022 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing pertaining to Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, for information;

And further that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining these proposed powers are not appropriate and to outline other ways for the province to institute housing and other matters, and that the motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities."

The Town of Wasaga Beach Council does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Housing Act as the proposed changes will not demonstratively speed up the construction of housing and will erode the democratic process at the local level where members of Council have to work together to achieve priorities. What is needed to speed up construction of housing is greater authority for local municipalities to approve development without final clearances from outside agencies after they have been given reasonable time to provide such clearances.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Bifulchi
Mayor

c. Members of Council
All Ontario Municipalities

**Ministry of
Municipal Affairs
and Housing**

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234-2022-3540

August 10, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

As Ontarians face the rising cost of living and a shortage of homes, our government was re-elected with a strong mandate to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs.

Our government also made an election promise to build 1.5 million new homes for the people of Ontario over the next 10 years to address the housing supply crisis.

I am pleased to inform you that our government introduced the proposed Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act on August 10, 2022, that, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. These amendments would empower mayors in the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities and get more homes built faster.

If passed, the proposed changes impacting the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa are intended to take effect on November 15, 2022, which is the start of the new municipal council term. Other growing municipalities could follow at a later date.

If you have any comments or feedback regarding these proposed changes, you may submit them to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at:
StrongMayors@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark
Minister

Council Resolution

Moved By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10.

Resolution Number
2022-08-18- 567

Seconded By R. Sanderson

Council Date: August 18, 2022

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held August 2, 3 & 4, 2022), ~~with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:~~

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried 
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: August 2, 2022

Agenda Item: 7c

Resolution Number: 2022-08-02 -525

Moved by: R. Gate

Seconded by: J. Henderson

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2022

The Recommended (staff) resolution was amended by Committee:

MM "That the Corporate Services Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah regarding 'Former Mohawk Institute Residential School Document Release' ~~for information~~, recommend that County Council direct staff to take the necessary actions to advise that Northumberland County support the resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah; and

Further That the Corporate Services Committee recommend that Council direct staff to advise all necessary Federal representatives and MP Philip Lawrence, as well as advise MPP David Piccini, and all Ontario municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

June 30th, 2022

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Via Email

To Whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of Support – The Corporation of the City of Brantford - 5.1 Release of all Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School

Please be advised that, at its meeting on June 28th, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah resolved to support the resolution adopted May 17, 2022 by The Corporation of the City of Brantford.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration.

We kindly request your support and endorsement for the release of all Federal and Provincial document related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School.

Yours truly,



Kerry Bellamy
Clerk
KB/jk

Cc:

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services and MP
Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs
The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
Hon. Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan
Hon. Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
The Survivors Secretariat
All municipalities in Ontario



Municipality of
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 231-22

Date: Jun 28, 2022

Moved By: Donna Blunt

Seconded By: [Signature]

THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from the City of Brandtford regarding the Release of all Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School; and

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller; Minister of Indigenous Services and MP Patty Hajdu; Minister of Indigenous Affairs Greg Rickford; Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada Linda Nicholls; MPP Kevin Holland, MPP Lise Vaugeois; the Survivors' Secretariat; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario with an invitation to adopt a similar resolution.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



May 18, 2022

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

Sent via email: resolutions@fcm.ca ; policy@amo.on.ca

To Whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its Special City Council meeting held May 17, 2022 adopted the following:

5.1 Release of all Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report, 2015 confirmed that Residential Schools were part of a coherent policy implemented by the Federal Government to eliminate Indigenous people as distinct Peoples and to assimilate them into Christian society against their will; and

WHEREAS the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs Duncan Campbell Scott outlined the goals of that policy in 1920, when he told a parliamentary committee that “our object is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic...”; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report, 2015 also confirmed that despite the coercive measures that the government adopted, it failed to achieve its policy goals. Although Indigenous Peoples and cultures have been badly damaged, they continue to exist; and

WHEREAS the former Mohawk Institute Residential School operated from 1831 to 1970 within the boundaries of what is now the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS Survivors have released statements of missing, murdered, and buried students; and

WHEREAS, to date, the unmarked burials of over 7000 missing Indigenous children have been discovered nation-wide; and

WHEREAS, following the May 2021 announcement by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation of locating 215 potential burials of children in unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, the Survivors of the Mohawk Institute,

along with their families and community members called on the Federal and Provincial governments to support a search for the remains of missing children who may have been buried on the Mohawk Institute's grounds and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, as of November, 2021, a search, led by the Survivors' Secretariat, of the Mohawk Institute Residential School grounds and over 200 hectares of land associated with the school began; and

WHEREAS Survivors of the Mohawk Institute Residential School are demanding the release of all Federal and Provincial documents related to the former Mohawk Institute Residential School; and

WHEREAS staff of the City of Brantford are currently undertaking a search of City records and archives for any documents, maps, or other relevant information related to the operation of the Mohawk Institute Residential School in order to release this information to the Survivors' Secretariat to aid in the search for truth, justice and healing; and

WHEREAS this Council is committed to working to advance reconciliation and renewed relationships with First Nations; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada issued 94 Calls to Action, thirteen of which are directed at municipal governments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully REQUESTS THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE, to the Survivors' Secretariat, of all documents in the possession of the Government of Canada or the Government of Ontario and the Anglican Church related to the former Mohawk Institute Residential School now located on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, within the geographic boundaries of the City of Brantford; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to send a copy of this resolution to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller; Minister of Indigenous Services, Patty Hajdu; Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford; Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; MPP Will Bouma; MP Larry Brock, Mayor David Bailey; Chief Mark Hill; Chief Stacey Laforme; and the Survivors' Secretariat; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to send a copy of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for circulation to all municipalities in Ontario with an invitation to adopt a similar resolution, and, specifically, to those located within the Haldimand Tract,

including: Haldimand County; the County of Brant; the City of Cambridge; the City of Kitchener; the City of Waterloo; and the Region of Waterloo.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Tanya Daniels
City Clerk, tdaniels@brantford.ca

Cc All Ontario Municipalities
Survivors' Secretariat

August 25, 2022

Honourable Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General
George Drew Building 18th Floor, 25 Grosvenor St.
Toronto ON M7A 1Y6

Via Email

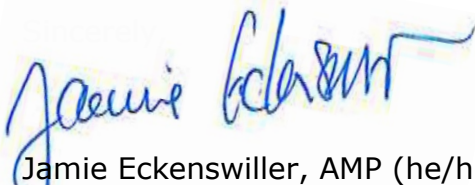
Dear Solicitor General:

Re: Changes to the Amber Alert System

City Council, at its meeting held on July 25, 2022, considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-220725-010 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence listed as Items 5.a and 5.b on the July 25, 2022 Information Package respecting the Draven Alert, City Council directs staff to send a letter to the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, Premier of Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting that changes be made to the Amber Alert system to alert the public of missing vulnerable children who have not been abducted, but are at high risk of danger, injury, or death."

For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)
Deputy Clerk
City of Owen Sound

cc. Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Council Resolution

Moved By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10.

Resolution Number
2022-08-18- 567

Seconded By R. Sanderson

Council Date: August 18, 2022

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held August 2, 3 & 4, 2022), ~~with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:~~

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried 
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: August 2, 2022

Agenda Item: 7b

Resolution Number: 2022-08-02-524

Moved by: J. Henderson

Seconded by: R. Garte

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2022

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of Brighton, Town of Cobourg, County of Hastings, and Municipality of Shuniah regarding 'Expanding Amber Alert System', recommend that County Council support the correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of the resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Michael Kernzer (Solicitor General), Commissioner Thomas Carrique (Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland—Peterborough South), MP Philip Lawrence (Northumberland—Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried Randy Hartman
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature



Date: June 20, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-256 ^{COV}

Moved By: [Signature]

Seconded By: [Signature]

Whereas the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

And Whereas the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return;

And Whereas people are encouraged to share the Amber Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

And Whereas an Amber Alert makes the Public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described, in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

And Whereas an Amber Alert gives citizens instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a trip or a sighting related to an Amber Alert;

An Amber Alert will only be activated if:

- The police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and
- There is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

And Whereas it is essential to remember that an Amber Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

And Whereas the recent tragic death of 11 year old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

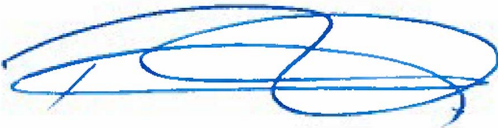
And Whereas at the time this motion was written, there have been almost 75,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created;

And Whereas it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Brighton and its Council endorse the following:

1. That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.
2. That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

Carried ☒ OR Defeated ☐



Mayor

Recorded Vote		For Clerks Use Only			
Recorded vote called by: _____					
	For	Against	Abstain	Absent	COI
Mayor Brian Ostrander					
Councillor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Mark Bateman					
Councillor Doug LeBlanc					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Mary Tadman					
Deputy Mayor Laura Knecht					
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Moved By

Suzanne Séguin

Resolution No.:

Last Name Printed

Séguin

227-22

Seconded By

Nicole Beatty

Council Date:

Last Name Printed

Beatty

June 27, 2022

THAT Council receive the correspondence for information purposes;
and

FURTHER THAT Council recognize the recent tragic death of 11-year-old Draven Graham with deepest sympathies to their family; and

FURTHER THAT Cobourg Council acknowledge that at the time this motion was written, there have been over 80,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created; and

FURTHER THAT Cobourg Council endorse a recent resolution as passed by the Municipality of Brighton and its council as follows:

That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the AMBER alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.

That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.



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July 4, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
Premier's Office
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VIA email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Hastings County Council – June 30, 2022 – Expanding Amber Alert System

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Hastings, at its regular meeting held June 30, 2022, passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Tom Deline
Seconded by: Councillor Loyde Blackburn

WHEREAS we have all become aware of the recent tragic death of Draven Graham, and 11 year old child on the autistic spectrum, after walking away from the family home;

WHEREAS the Amber Alert has been very effective in announcing to the public, children who have been abducted and;

WHEREAS a similar alert program for those who have special needs who leave family custody would seem to be warranted in the Province of Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Hastings request the Province of Ontario to develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert for those persons of special needs or circumstances who leave the caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk;

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, the leaders of the Opposition Parties in Ontario, the District School Boards, all Hastings County Municipalities, and the local Ontario Provincial Police Service to ask them to support the resolution.

Carried

I trust you will find this in order; however should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-966-1311, ext. 3205 or via email at bradleyc@hastingscounty.com.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C Monzon-Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy Monzon-Bradley
County Clerk

Copy: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education to all Ontario School Boards
Mr. Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader NDP - Leader of Official Opposition
Mr. Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Liberal Party
All Ontario Municipalities
Ontario Provincial Police Local Detachments - Centre Hastings and Bancroft
Hastings County Member Municipalities

July 13th, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
Premier's Office
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Via Email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.ca

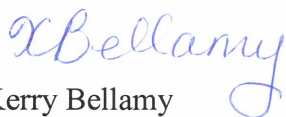
Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Letter of Support – The County of Hastings and The Municipality of Brighton – Expanding the Amber Alert System

Please be advised that, at its meeting on June 12th, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah resolved to support the resolution adopted June 30th, 2022 by the County of Hastings, and the resolution adopted June 20th, 2022 by the Municipality of Brighton.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration.

Yours truly,



Kerry Bellamy
Clerk
KB/jk

Cc:

Hon. Michael Kernzer, Solicitor General of Ontario
Mr. Thomas Carrique, Commissioner of the OPP
Hon. Patty Hajdu, MP Thunder Bay Superior North
Hon. Marcus Powlowski, MP Thunder Bay Rainy River
Hon. Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
Hon. Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 247-22

Date: Jul 12, 2022

Moved By: *D. Burt*

Seconded By: *D. Burt*

THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from the County of Hastings and Municipality of Brighton regarding the request to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert System and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect those persons of special needs or circumstances who leave the caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk;

AND THAT the Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford; Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kernzer; Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police Thomas Carrique; local MP's Patty Hajdu and Marcus Polowski and local MPP's Lise Vaugois and Kevin Holland; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Larche
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

Council Resolution

Moved By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10.

Resolution Number
2022-08-18- 567

Seconded By R. Sanderson

Council Date: August 18, 2022

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And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried 
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature



Social Services Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: August 3, 2022

Agenda Item: 8a

Resolution Number: 2022-08-03 543

Moved by: B. Sanderson

Seconded by: R. Crate

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2022

"That the Social Services Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding 'Private Members Bill C-233 Keira's Law', and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support the resolution, and direct staff to advise the Northumberland-Peterborough South MP and MPP, the Township of Perry, and all Ontario municipalities."

Carried

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Henderson", written over a horizontal line.

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred

Committee Chair's Signature



Township of Perry

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July 12th, 2022

Via Email

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
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The Honourable Karina Gould, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Gould,

**RE: Township of Perry – Support Town of Aurora Council Resolution
“Private Member’s Bill C-233 “Keira’s Law””**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday July 6th, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

“Resolution #2022-286

Moved By: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded By: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the Town of Aurora’s Resolution, Motion 10.1, dated May 24, 2022 re: Private Member’s Bill C-233 “Keira’s Law”;

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution of support to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development; The Honourable Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the

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Conservative Party of Canada; Yves-Francois Blanchet, MP, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois; Jagmeet Singh, MP, Leader of the New Democratic Party; MP Tony Van Bynen; MP Leah Taylor Roy; MP Scott Aitchison; Town Clerk Michael de Rond, Town of Aurora, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bm', is positioned above the typed name.

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

cc: Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
Yves-Francois Blanchet, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois
Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party
MP Tony Van Bynen
MP Leah Taylor Roy
MP Scott Aitchison
Michael de Rond, Clerk, Town of Aurora
All Ontario Municipalities

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May 31, 2022

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The Honourable Karina Gould, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Gould:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of May 24, 2022
Motion 10.1 - Councillor Humfryes; Re: Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law"

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on May 24, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas violence against women is a Canadian public health crisis that demands urgent action; and

Whereas one in four women experience domestic violence in their lifetime. One woman or girl is killed every other day, on average, somewhere in our country; and

Whereas the most dangerous time for a victim of abuse is when she separates from her partner. According to research from the U.S. Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, when there is a history of coercive control, violence and a recent separation, a woman's risk of domestic homicide goes up 900 times; and

Whereas the current Canadian court system is not equipped to protect women. According to the National Judicial Institute, there is no mandatory education for Judges on domestic violence. Judges need education on what constitutes domestic violence or coercive control. A formal education program would ensure

another line of defense for victims, as well as preventing violence and abuse before it happens; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the domestic violence crisis. Women's shelters and crisis centres have reported a marked increase in requests for services this year. The concerns for children are significant.

According to recent research from The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, doctors have seen more than double the number of babies with serious injuries as this time last year. These include head injuries, broken bones or in some cases death. Institutions across the country are reporting a similar trend; and

Whereas, according to Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, children must be protected from "all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has care of the child." Our current family justice system often fails our children in this regard; and

Whereas, in worst case scenarios, children are killed by a violent parent. As reported by the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative, recent separation and domestic violence are the two biggest risk factors for domestic violence related child homicides; and

Whereas custody disputes are an additional risk factor. Each year in Canada, about 30 children are killed by a parent. Mothers are responsible about 40 per cent of the time, often due to postpartum depression or mental illness. In the 60 per cent of cases where fathers are the murderers, anger, jealousy or post-separation retaliatory revenge are the usual motivations; and

Whereas Keira's Law is named after four-year-old Keira Kagan, who was killed while in the custody of her father, in 2020; and

Whereas many cases of domestic violence are inappropriately labelled as "high conflict" in the family court system. According to research by Rachel Birnbaum, a Social Work Professor at the University of Western Ontario who specializes in child custody, approximately one third of cases called "high conflict" by the court had substantiated evidence of valid concerns about domestic violence. These cases must be recognized and treated differently by judges; and

Whereas voting in favour of "Keira's Law", contained in Private Member's Bill C-233, will not only protect victims of violence and children, it will save lives by

amending the *Judges Act* to establish seminars for judges on intimate partner violence and coercive control;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls upon the House of Commons to support Member of Parliament Anju Dhillon's Private Member's Bill C-233, that will raise the level of education on domestic violence and coercive control for federally appointed Judges; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; The Honourable Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada; Yves-Francois Blanchet, MP, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois; Jagmeet Singh, MP, Leader of the New Democratic Party; MP Tony Van Bynen; and MP Leah Taylor Roy; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Copy: Hon. Candice Bergen, M.P., Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
Yves-François Blanchet, M.P., Leader of the Bloc Québécois
Jagmeet Singh, M.P., Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada
Tony Van Bynen, M.P. Newmarket—Aurora
Leah Taylor Roy, M.P. Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
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August 19th, 2022

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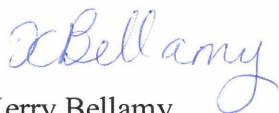
Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Gould:

RE: Letter of Support – The Town of Aurora – Bill C-233 “Keira’s Law”

Please be advised that at its meeting on August 9th, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah resolved to support the resolution adopted May 24th, 2022 by the Town of Aurora.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration.

Yours truly,



Kerry Bellamy
Clerk
KB/jk

Cc:

Hon. Candice Bergen, M.P., Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
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Yves-François Blanchet, M.P., Leader of the Bloc Québécois
Hon. Patty Hajdu, MP Thunder Bay Superior North
Marcus Powlowski, MP Thunder Bay Rainy River
Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 272-22

Date: Aug 9, 2022

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council receive and support the resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding supporting bill C-233 "Keira's Law";

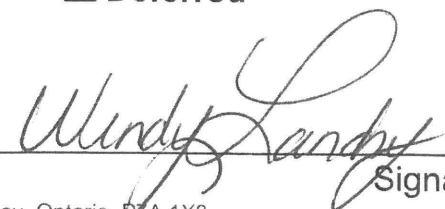
AND THAT Council direct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; The Honourable Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada; Yves-Francois Blanchet, MP, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois; Jagmeet Singh, MP, Leader of the New Democratic Party; MP's Patty Hajdu and Marcus Polowski and MPP's Lise Vaugeois and Kevin Holland; and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and all Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred


Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8