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April 26, 2023

File #120203

Sent via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Change to the Municipal Oath of Office

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend the *Citizenship Act* received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

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Now therefore be it resolved,

That: Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office:

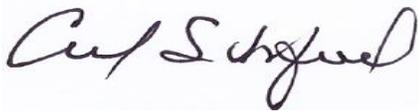
"I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Indigenous and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples" ; and further

That: This resolution be forwarded to the The Honourable Steve Clerk, Minister, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Wayne Gates, MPP, Tony Baldinelli, MP, all Ontario municipalities and the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

A similar resolution was received by the City of Port Colborne supporting the Municipality of Trent Lakes resolution. A copy of which is attached. The Town of Fort Erie has made one amendment by deleting "Aboriginal" and inserting "Indigenous".

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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Attach

c.c. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario premier@ontario.ca
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The Association of Municipalities Ontario amo@amo.on.ca
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April 11, 2023

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Re: Municipality of Trent Lakes – Oath of Office

Please be advised that, at its meeting of March 14, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding Oath of Office, be supported.

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

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

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Via email only

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Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

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Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities