



**Moved By**

Councillor Miriam Mutton

**Last Name Printed**

Mutton

**Resolution No.:**

175-23

**Seconded By**

Councillor Aaron Burchat

**Last Name Printed**

Burchat

**Council Date:**

May 23, 2023

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 23, 2023, Council considered a Resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, regarding support for the for the Council of the Region of Waterloo relating to Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT support the City of Waterloo resolution to protect the privacy of the candidates and donors and reflects the direct support of the Waterloo Resolution and references the Plympton-Wyoming resolution.



The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
[minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Re: Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms**

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.

**Motion 13**

*Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues*

*Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey*

*That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.*

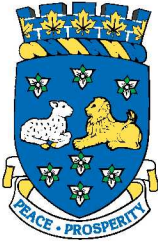
**Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Denny Giles  
Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, Region of Waterloo  
Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association  
All Ontario Municipalities



April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament  
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

**Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

**WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website;**

**AND WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny;**

**AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from**

engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians.

**THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.**

**AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.**

**AND FINALLY, that this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at [RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca) or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

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cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association  
Ontario municipalities