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By email

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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Honorable Premier:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Support of Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on May 16, 2023:

**THAT the Council of the Township of Woolwich considering a resolution passed by the Township of Montague and other municipalities in Support of Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, endorse the resolution as follows:**

**WHEREAS municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and**

**WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and**

**WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and**

**WHEREAS over 20 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and**

**WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Woolwich express its support for Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and further**

**THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the local MP, the local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Dolores Black, by email at [dblack@woolwich.ca](mailto:dblack@woolwich.ca) or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



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cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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