

Date: August 1, 2023

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the correspondence from the Women of Ontario Say No regarding Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement be received;

AND FURTHER THAT all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

THAT municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and

THAT several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

THAT these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

THAT municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

THAT municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

THAT the Municipality of Powassan Council supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and

THAT the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office, and;

THAT this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Fedeli, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and all municipalities.


Carried

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Mayor

Recorded Vote: Requested by _____

Name	Yeas	Nays	Name	Yeas	Nays
Councillor Randy Hall			Mayor Peter McIsaac		
Councillor Markus Wand					
Councillor Dave Britton					
Councillor Leo Patey					

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