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Judy Smith August 30, 2023

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BY EMAIL

RE: Letter of Support – Time for Change: *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("*MFIPPA*")

Dear Judy Smith,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on August 14, 2023, Council discussed the correspondence dated July 5, 2023, from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding the request to review the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. In particular, Mayor Bondy indicated the importance of encouraging the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the *Act*, specifically to consider eliminating the option for redundant, frivolous, or vexatious requests.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-08-324

Moved By Mayor Bondy Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

That the correspondence dated July 5, 2023, from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding the request for the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services review the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* be received and supported; and

That Council direct Administration to send a letter of support to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Chris Lewis, MP; and all other municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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