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**SENT VIA EMAIL** (gcoulombe@matticevalcote.ca)

March 5, 2019

Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté  
P. O. Bag 129  
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**Attn: Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk**

**RE: KINGSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT OF MATTICE-VAL CÔTÉ TOWN  
COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION ON PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE DECLARATION OF  
OFFICE**

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, February 11, 2019 Council of the Town of Kingsville supported Council of the Township of Mattice-Val Côté's Resolution passed December 10, 2018 as follows:

**"130-2019**

**Moved By** Councillor Kimberly DeYong

**Seconded By** Councillor Laura Lucier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville received the resolution and correspondence from the Township of Mattice-Val Côté regarding Council Members' Declaration of Office;

AND THAT Council endorses and supports the replacement of paragraph four of the Declaration of Office with the following wording: "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations",

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Premier of Ontario, and to our provincial and federal parliament representatives and to all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED"**

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A copy of your correspondence is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Astrologo".

Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk  
Corporate Services Department

JA/so

Enclosure

cc:	The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario	premier@ontario.ca
	The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing	minister.mah@ontario.ca
	Tracey Ramsey, MP	tracey.ramsey@parl.gc.ca
	Taras Natyshak, MPP	tnatyshak-gp@ndp.on.ca
	All Ontario Municipalities	

## Sandy Kitchen

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**From:** Sandy Kitchen  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** Sandy Kitchen  
**Subject:** FW: Council resolution - Declaration of office  
**Attachments:** Oath of allegiance.pdf

----- Original message -----

**From:** Suzanne Fauchon <[sfauchon@matticevalcote.ca](mailto:sfauchon@matticevalcote.ca)>  
**Date:** 2019-01-11 8:38 AM (GMT-05:00)  
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**Subject:** Council resolution - Declaration of office

Good morning,

Our Municipal Council recently passed a resolution asking the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to amend paragraph 4 of municipal council members' Declaration of office.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of said resolution, and of its accompanying letter, which have been sent to the Minister, to the Premier and to our parliament representatives.

We would appreciate your support in this regard.

Sincerely,



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**CAO/Clerk**  
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December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Office of the Minister  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON  
P5G 2E5

Attention: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister

Honourable Minister,

Re: Paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office

Section 232 of the *Municipal Act, 2001 (Ontario)* provides that a person cannot take a seat on the council of a municipality until he or she takes the declaration of office on the form established by the Minister for that purpose.

In its current version, the declaration of office contains a statement whereby newly elected members of Council promise and declare their faith and allegiance to the Queen. Said statement is considered by many as irrelevant to the current political state of affairs, while many others find it simply offensive.

The Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté recently passed the enclosed resolution requesting that your Ministry amend paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office in order to address these very legitimate concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Dupuis  
Mayor

Encl. Resolution no. 18-190



Meeting no. 18-15

Resolution no. 18-190

Date: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Moved by: Daniel Grenier

Seconded by: Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the requirement for members of municipal Council to be faithful and to bear true allegiance to the Queen is considered by many to be outdated and representative of a different era, and;

WHEREAS said requirement can go against or be contrary to an individual's culture, principles and beliefs, and;

WHEREAS said requirement presents an obstacle for some individuals who would have otherwise been willing to run for Council and serve at the municipal level of government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and its Minister modify the wording of paragraph four of the Declaration of Office to make it more inclusive and representative of the times, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry consider replacing paragraph four of the Declaration of Office with the following wording: "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations", and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, to our provincial and federal parliament representatives, Guy Bourgouin and Carol Hughes, and to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Deferred ☐

Mayor, Marc Dupuis  
Presiding Officer

**Recorded Vote**  
(unanimous unless indicated below)

Name	Yeas	Neas	Abstention
Dupuis, Marc			
Brousseau, Steve			
Grenier, Daniel			
Lemay, Richard			
Malenfant, Joyce			

Certified by:

Guyline Coulombe  
Guyline Coulombe, CAO/Clerk