

July 6, 2022

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Via Email

Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Removal of Municipal Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances

City Council, at its meeting held on May 30, 2022, considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-220530-013 as follows:

"WHEREAS across municipal councils in Ontario there have been appalling instances of misogyny and hatred; and

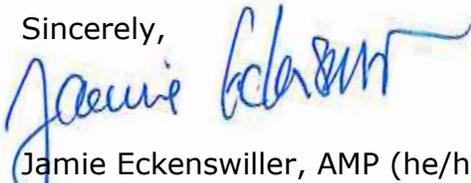
WHEREAS the powers of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner do not include the ability to recommend expulsion of councillors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with copies being sent to the federal government, provincial government, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities, requesting that the Ministry:

- 1. Study the merits of allowing the recall of municipal councillors under carefully prescribed circumstances, including displays of hatred, misogyny and all forms of discrimination; and**
- 2. Facilitate strengthened and ongoing orientation and training sessions for councils, local boards, and committees."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)
Deputy Clerk
City of Owen Sound

cc. Government of Canada
Government of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities