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House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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RE: Ban of Single-Use Disposable Wipes

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on November 5, 2019, and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS Single-use wipes are a \$6 billion industry and growing, and are now being advertised as a clean alternative to toilet paper that is safe to flush; and

WHEREAS Single-use wipes accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system, requiring significant additional repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Enforcement Sewer Use Group estimates non-flushable materials cause \$259 million in annual repairs across Canada; and

WHEREAS a 2019 study released by Ryerson University tested 101 types of single-use disposable wipes and found that all of the wipes failed basic requirements of flushable products; and

WHEREAS there is no one standard for what the word “flushable” means; and

WHEREAS there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consumer education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact; and

WHEREAS Single-use wipes, even when properly disposed of as waste, are an inefficient and unsustainable use of resources that contribute significantly to environmental degradation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to ban single-use disposable wipes; and



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THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Local Members of Provincial Parliament, York Region and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Yours truly,

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- cc. Honourable Premier of Ontario,
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