



May 5, 2023

Mr. Christopher Raynor,
Regional Clerk,
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge St,
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Raynor:

Re: Support of Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Georgina unanimously passed the following motion in support of Bill 5;

WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, received first reading in the Ontario legislature on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5 would permit a municipality to direct its Integrity Commissioner to apply to Court to vacate the seat of a member of Council for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies, a remedy that is not presently available to municipalities as a response to such conduct on the part of a member;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Town of Georgina recognizes the need for the more serious sanction envisioned by Bill 5 to be applied in circumstances deemed appropriate by Council, where the workplace violence or harassment identified by Council is confirmed by the Town's Integrity Commissioner and the Court;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Corporation of the Town of Georgina supports the changes to the law that would be brought about by the passage of Bill 5, and specifically the availability of a process whereby a member's seat can be vacated by Order of the Court in the event of a breach of a municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies that is deemed egregious enough by Council to justify that consequence.

2. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to each of the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe, Mr. Stephen Blais, MPP for Orleans, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Sincerely,
FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,

Carolyn Lance

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Council Services Coordinator