



Office of the City Clerk

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Via email: [Merrilee.Fullerton@pc.ola.org](mailto:Merrilee.Fullerton@pc.ola.org)

**The Honourable Merrilee Fulerton**

Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Suite 100, 240 Michael Cowpland Drive  
Kanata, ON K2M 1P6

Dear Ms. Fulerton:

**Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, August 9, 2022 – New Motion 2 – Provincial Support of Community-Based Sexual Assault Centres and Organizations**

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At the regular meeting on August 9, 2022, Council approved New Motion 2 with respect to provincial support of community-based sexual assault centres and organizations. At the same meeting, the following resolution was approved:

**Whereas** Sexual Assault Centre Kingston has provided prevention education, advocacy and support for survivors of recent or historical sexual violence in the area since 1978; and

**Whereas** the number of survivors needing access to crisis counselling and long-term counselling programs has increased since 1978; and

**Whereas** in 2018, the then-Ontario government announced an approximately 30% increase to the sexual violence sector in Ontario; and

**Whereas** the 2018 announcement would have realized a significant increase for Ontario's community-based sexual assault centres, and despite this commitment, under the current provincial government, the funding increase never became reality; and

**Whereas** in its 2021 budget, the Province of Ontario allocated resources to underserved communities to improve victim and new sexual assault services,

however none of the funding was directed to Ontario's existing sexual assault centres such as Sexual Assault Centre Kingston; and

**Whereas** ongoing underfunding of Sexual Assault Centre Kingston has reduced the number of resources available to provide these services due to highly specialized skill requirements that are unmatched by low wages and benefits relative to other mental health funded positions; and

**Whereas** the current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an increase in the number of people in the community requiring the services of Sexual Assault Centre Kingston; and

**Whereas** a similar resolution has recently been passed by the Waterloo Region Municipality (June 2022) and the Town of Bracebridge (Dec 2021);

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** increased and sustainable provincial funding for the Sexual Assault Centre Kingston and other community-based sexual assault centres/organizations be supported for priority consideration by the Provincial Government and its agencies; and

**That** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities with populations over 50,000, Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services and Hon. Ted Hsu, MPP for Kingston and the Islands.

Yours sincerely,



John Bolognone  
City Clerk  
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C.C. Honourable Ted Hsu, MPP Kingston and the Islands  
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Town of Aurora  
City of North Bay  
Peterborough County  
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