



May 31, 2023

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Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building
 Queens Park
 Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Re: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on May 29, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from Prince Edward County regarding declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Whereas the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner, and rural areas see an increased risk of Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide, and in Prince Edward County, 233 domestic violence investigations in 2022 were led by the OPP, and service provision by Alternatives for Women was provided to over 100 women and their children per year in the community; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities billions of dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward has recognized that issues of violence against women in rural communities are of local importance to the health and wellness of our residents, and has demonstrated this by including it as a pillar in our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview recognizes that:



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- the Renfrew Inquest is important to all rural communities;
- Council is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term consequences of gender-based violence in our community; and,

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are epidemic; and

Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities of Ontario, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Simcoe Grey MPP, Brian Saunderson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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cc: All Ontario Municipalities
The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities