



Office of the City Clerk

January 3, 2012

All Municipalities in Ontario with populations greater than 50,000

Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: CITY OF KINGSTON COUNCIL MEETING – CANADIAN-EUROPEAN
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT (CETA) –
DECEMBER 20, 2011**

I would confirm that Kingston City Council, at its regular Council meeting held on December 20, 2011, approved the following resolution, being clause 1 of Deferred Motions:

(1) *Moved by Councillor Neill
Seconded by Councillor Hutchison*

Whereas with little transparency or public consultation the Canadian Government is moving ahead with its negotiations into a Canadian-European Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA); and

Whereas social justice and civil society groups have raised grave concerns throughout Canada regarding the potential impacts of CETA; and

Whereas both the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have identified substantial risks to municipalities that must be addressed regarding governance freedoms and practices of municipalities, which include procurement and administration, and further risks regarding enforcement costs and dispute resolution, as noted by both FCM and AMO;

Therefore be it resolved THAT the City of Kingston endorses the FCM 7 points of concern regarding CETA; and

THAT the City asks that an open and transparent public process be adopted by the Government of Canada so that Canadians may be better informed and better heard on this important decision; and

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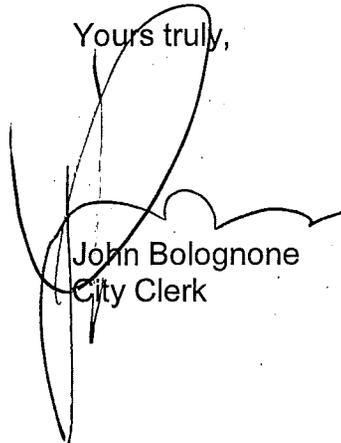
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THAT this motion be communicated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper; the Leader of the Opposition, Nycole Turmel; the Acting Liberal Leader, Bob Rae; MP Kingston and The Islands Ted Hsu; MPP Kingston and the Islands John Gerretsen; AMO; FCM; all Ontario municipalities with populations greater than 50,000; and all municipalities within Frontenac County.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



John Bolognone
City Clerk

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