

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

City Council: February 22, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Endorsement of Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022*

WHEREAS, Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022*, amends the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, requiring the code of conduct for municipal councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement for those councillors and members to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies; and

WHEREAS, Bill 5 also permits municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquiry determines that the member has contravened the code of conduct by failing to comply with the workplace violence or harassment policies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton endorse Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* that would create a process for municipal councils to remove Councillors who violate workplace violence and harassment policies.
- (b) That a letter of support be sent to local MPPs, the Premier, and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).