

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: August 18, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Endorsement of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement (City Wide)

WHEREAS City Council endorsed Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022* on February 22, 2023;

WHEREAS over 150 municipalities across Ontario endorsed Bill 5;

WHEREAS Bill 5 was voted down at the Provincial Legislature in May 2023; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has proposed legislative amendments to improve municipal codes of conduct and enforcement including:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner; and
- Prohibiting a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton endorse the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's call for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and
- (b) That the Mayor forward a letter of support to local MPPs, the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.