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April 28, 2011

Patricia Bergeron, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Tweed
Postal Bag 729
Tweed, ON K0K 3J0

Dear Ms Bergeron:

**Re: AMO Watch File – Municipal Resolution Circulation
Mandatory Destruction of Buildings Used as Grow ops**

At its meeting of April 27, 2011, City Council considered your resolution dated March 31, 2011 regarding the above matter.

Please be advised that Council has received this correspondence and referred it to the Hamilton Police Service, Planning Department and Board of Health for comment.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gallagher".

Mary Gallagher,
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

MG:sr

File C11-010

c.c. Hamilton Police Service
Tim McCabe, General Manager, Economic Development and Planning
Alexandra Rawlings, Co-ordinator, Planning Committee
Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
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Jo-Anne Albert
REEVE

Patricia L. Bergeron, A.M.C.T.
CAO/CLERK

March 31, 2011

To: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Re: AMO Watch File – Municipal Resolution Circulation

We are requesting your support for the following Council resolution:

Date: January 25, 2011

Meeting No. 2

Resolution No. 42

MOVED BY J. FLIELER

SECONDED BY J. BRAY

WHEREAS from time to time there are properties in the Municipality, including both houses and other buildings, which have been used as grow ops and are for sale on the market as a result of drug busts at the properties;
AND WHEREAS the properties are inspected by the Chief Building Official and the presence of black mold and the use of chemicals for the production of illegal drugs is detected;
AND WHEREAS some of the buildings have undergone construction without the knowledge of the building officials and therefore may present a risk of injury to occupants;
AND WHEREAS these buildings have been used to support an illegal business;
AND WHEREAS the medical profession recognizes the health implications if these buildings are used as homes or places of work;
AND WHEREAS the Chief Building Official has identified situations that would result in a health risk;
AND WHEREAS the Chief Building Official has also identified building infractions that would jeopardize the safety of inhabitants;
AND WHEREAS these buildings if allowed to undergo reconstruction could cause a health risk in future;
AND WHEREAS if health issues arise at a later date this would be a burden to the Municipality and place the Municipality at risk of legal action;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Tweed petition the Federal and Provincial governments for mandatory destruction of buildings that have been used as grow ops; and further request that all costs for the demolition and safe removal of the buildings and materials be at the expense of the Federal and Provincial governments; and further request that the monies collected from the drug busts be used to compensate these costs.
Carried.

Signed: *J. Albert*, Reeve

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