



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Dear Mr. Ford

RE: Barriers for Women in Politics

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

C-23-055

Moved by: Councillor DiFlavio; Seconded by: Councillor Freake

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

WHEREAS, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Grimsby's MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Town of Grimsby's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc.
All Ontario Municipalities
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Dean Allison, MP – Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP – Niagara West
Association of Municipalities of Ontario