

June 29, 2023 Sent via Email

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

All Ontario Municipalities

The Women of Ontario Say No, Attn: Dianne Noble

RE: The Women of Ontario Say No: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Cramahe passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 20, 2023 regarding Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement.

Resolution No. 2023-213

Moved By: COUNCILLOR VAN EGMOND Seconded By: COUNCILLOR HAMILTON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the request for support from The Women of Ontario Say No; and

THAT all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and **THAT** municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and

THAT several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and **THAT** these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

THAT municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

THAT municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

THAT Cramahe Township Council supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and

THAT the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- 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
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at nhamilton@cramahe.ca

Sincerely,

Nicole Hamilton

Municipal Deputy Clerk

Township of Cramahe