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Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
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Sent via email: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

Re: Township of Brock Declares Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock adopted the following resolution at their meeting held on November 27, 2023:

C-2023-254

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Johanne St. Louis and Loretta Fernandes-Heaslip, Brock Community Health Centre, with respect to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) be received; and

WHEREAS Intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS on the morning of September 22, 2015, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a former partner; and

WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner’s inquest into the events of September 22, 2015 delivered 86 recommendations; and

WHEREAS specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories; however, Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation; and

WHEREAS the Violence Prevention Coordination Council of Durham (VPCC), which represents 35 local agencies including: Brock Community Health Centre, The Nourish and Develop Foundation, and Victim Services of Durham Region, who has seen a significant increase in demand for assistance from local IPV support providers, with IPV victim support up 32% over four years and sexual violence victim support up 277% over four years; and

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, Municipality of Clarington, and the Regional Municipality of Durham Region have passed motions declaring an IPV epidemic, and acknowledging the 86 recommendations in the Renfrew County Inquest;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ontario Government declare an IPV epidemic, as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and
2. This motion be distributed to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity, Region of Durham, all Durham municipalities, Renfrew County, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

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cc. Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
All Durham Region Municipalities
County of Renfrew
Association of Ontario Municipalities