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**Re: Request to declare Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic (CNCL-25-05)**

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of January 27, 2025, and adopted the following resolution concerning a Notice of Motion to declare Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic:

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

Whereas every six days a woman is killed in Canada by her intimate partner; and,

Whereas one in five women experience some form of abuse in their intimate relationship; and,

Whereas on the morning of September 22, 2015, in Ottawa’s Renfrew County, 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; Renfrew County delivered recommendations in a unanimous verdict on the deaths of three local women, who were killed by their former partner on a single morning in 2015; the City of Ottawa, Renfrew County, and Lanark County have passed motions declaring an IPV epidemic, and acknowledging the 86 recommendations in the Renfrew County Inquest; and,

Whereas on April 26, 2023, the Region of Durham adopted a resolution declaring IPV an epidemic and is in the process of integrating IPV into Region’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, and the local municipalities of Clarington, Whitby, and Ajax and the Ontario’s Big City Mayors Caucus and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario along with many other municipalities in Ontario have adopted similar resolutions in 2023 and 2024; 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,

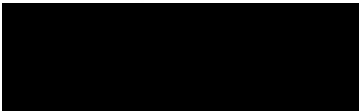
Whereas the Violence Prevention Coordination Council of Durham (VPCC), which represents 35 local agencies, have seen a significant increase in demand for assistance from local IPV support providers. In the fiscal year 2021-22, Durham Victim

Services supported 4,438 victims of Intimate Partner Violence, up 32% over four years and supported 916 victims of Sexual Violence, up 277% over four years,

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Council of the City of Oshawa affirms that IPV is an epidemic and urges the Ontario Government to declare an IPV epidemic, as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and,
2. That the Council of the City of Oshawa supports the Region of Durham declaration of IPV as an epidemic and the integration of IPV into the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, as per recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and,
3. That this motion be distributed to MPP Jennifer French and MPP Todd McCarthy, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Provincial Office of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Durham Region municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario."

If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact Laura Davis, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



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Town of Ajax  
Township of Brock  
Township of Scugog  
Township of Uxbridge  
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