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**Re: Recognizing the Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on April 17, 2023:

**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 Luke's Place, Herizon House, and the Durham Rape Crisis Centre, reported a significant increase in demand for assistance from local IPV support providers on behalf of member Victim Services of Durham Region, with IPV victim support up 32% over four years and sexual violence victim support up 277% over four years;

**AND WHEREAS** 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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Ontario Government declare an IPV epidemic, as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and

2. The Region of Durham declare an IPV epidemic and integrate IPV into the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, as per recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and
3. This motion be distributed to the Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, the Region of Durham and Durham municipalities, Renfrew County, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or [Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca](mailto:Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca).

Sincerely,



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