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Subject: Support for the Bill 74, *Missing Persons Amendment Act, 2023*
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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on April 24, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a gap in our current emergency alert system that needs to be addressed;

And Whereas, the *Missing Persons Amendment Act* will allow the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in accordance with a request from an officer, to send a targeted, regional emergency alert for any vulnerable person who goes missing from home, which could include a person with autism, Alzheimer's disease, or dementia. This fills an important gap in the existing emergency alert system, which can currently only be issued for an abducted child under the age of 17;

And Whereas, a vulnerable person's alert would help ensure the safety of our loved ones in a situation where time is critical;

And Whereas, several municipal councils, including, Brighton, Midland, Bonfield Township, Cobourg and Mississauga and several others, have passed resolutions calling for a new emergency alert to protect our loved ones;

And Whereas, April is Autism Awareness month;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering:

1. Supports Bill 74, *Missing Persons Amendment Act, 2023*; and,

2. That a copy of this Motion be forwarded to Pickering-Uxbridge MP O'Connell, MPP Bethanfalvy, Hamilton MPP Monique Taylor, Durham and York Regional Councils, and to the Municipal Councils of Ajax, Markham, Oshawa, Scugog, Stouffville, Uxbridge, and Whitby.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

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- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge
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