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Subject Resolution RE Bill 158 Support

Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution at their Regular Meeting of April 25th, 2016.

Laurie Scott, MPP
Re: Bill 158 – Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
Resolution No. **R2016-177**

Moved by: Councillor M. Barrett
Seconded by: Councillor K. Smail

That Council receive the correspondence from Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, regarding Bill 158 which aims to take immediate steps against human trafficking in Ontario; and further That Council supports the following resolution:

WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbor and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour; and

WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims – 90 percent of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14; and

WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario; and

WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities.

Carried

Thank you,
Rebecca

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