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Sent via email: Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca

**Re: Acts of Violence, Harassment and Intimidation against Elected Officials and Government Employees
Our File 35.2.2**

Dear Ms. Norio,

At its meeting held on January 31, 2022, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS violent attacks, online harassment and physical intimidation of politicians and government employees is on the rise, and is something we have witnessed first-hand in our community; and

WHEREAS we, as St. Catharines City Council, condemn the latest violent act against Councillor Porter and her family, and want our community to know that such acts are unacceptable and will not be tolerated within our community; and

WHEREAS everyone should be free from harassment in their workplaces and their homes;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, as St. Catharines City Council, call on Niagara Regional Council and all Lower Area Municipalities in Niagara, to add their support to condemning these acts of violence, harassment and intimidation against elected officials and government employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we endorse the work currently being done by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with the express intention to end harassment against politicians, as well as the FCM's commitment toward gender parity in Canadian politics; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we endorse the continued work by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with its “We All Win” campaign, which aims to encourage the upcoming 2022 municipal elections include a variety of candidates of different genders, ethnicities, sexual orientation, ages, races and abilities.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



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