



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE

Resolution 2023-236 to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic in Ontario

Nov 14th, 2023

Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas recommendation #1 of the inquest is for the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic; and
Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and
Whereas this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide; and

Whereas gender- and sexually-diverse Indigenous individuals are particularly at risk, being five times more likely than non-Indigenous gender- and sexually- diverse individuals to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and
Whereas according to Statistics Canada, 80 percent of intimate partner violence goes unreported; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas over 60 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic; and

Whereas on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same; and called for changes to the Criminal Code; and

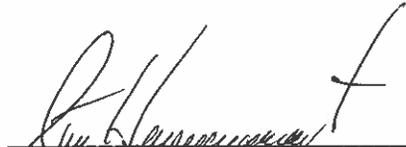
Whereas Prince Township Council recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including public health, EMS, community services, and community safety

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Council of Prince Township declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;
2. That intimate partner violence be integrated into Prince Township's community safety and wellbeing plan in accordance with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest;
3. That Mayor Palumbo be requested to write a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario reconsider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic and act on all of 86 recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest by setting up a provincial implementation committee to oversee comprehensive consideration of all of the recommendations;
4. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Arif Virani, minister of justice; the Honourable Doug Ford, premier of Ontario; the Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, associate minister of women's social and economic opportunity; the Honourable Parm Gill, minister of red tape reduction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and Ontario's Big City Mayors.



Mayor, Enzo Palumbo



CAO/Clerk, Steve Hemsworth



The Corporation of the Township of Prince
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

November 14, 2023

Resolution #	2023- 236	Agenda Item #	13 a)
Moved By:	Margaret Christenson	Seconded By:	Melanie Mageran
Signature:		Signature:	

Be it resolved that Prince Township declares gender-based and intimate partner violence an epidemic.

RESOLUTION RESULT		Recorded Vote			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	Mayor & Council	Yes	No	Pecuniary Interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Enzo Palumbo, Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Margaret Christenson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Mick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Jane Weir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Eugene Caputo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote, and influence.

DEPUTY MAYOR - EUGENE CAPUTO	CLERK:
