



Township of Lucan Biddulph

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March 22, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Dear Mr. Ford:

RE: Barriers for Women in Politics

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph at its meeting held on March 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2023-095
Moved by D. Regan
Seconded by A. Westman

WHEREAS, the Township of Lucan Biddulph values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

WHEREAS, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS, the Township of Lucan Biddulph believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Lucan Biddulph expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Lucan Biddulph commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Lucan Biddulph encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Middlesex County MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Township of Lucan Biddulph's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



Ron Reymer
CAO/Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Lianne Rood, MP – Lambton, Kent, Middlesex
Monte McNaughton, MPP – Lambton, Kent, Middlesex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario