

May 31, 2016

The Honourable Kathleen O. Wynne
Queen's Park
Main Legislative Building, Room 281
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Re: Human Trafficking

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 30, 2016 endorsed 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 or coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario; and

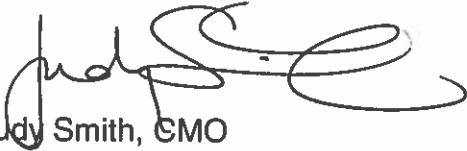
WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent 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.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at 519-360-1998 Ext # 3200.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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