



July 12, 2016

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
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**RE: SUPPORT BILL 158,  
SAVING THE GIRL NEXT DOOR ACT, 2016 (HUMAN TRAFFICKING) (13.0)**

Dear Ms. Wynne:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 17 & 18, 2016, Council of the City of Markham adopted 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; and,

Whereas the City of Markham requests that an additional clause be added under Section 6. (1) (b) of Bill 158 to include a Police Officer to the list of those able to apply for a protection order for children under 18 years of age;

Therefore be it resolved:

- 1) That the Council of the City of Markham 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,
- 2) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Premier of Ontario, all Members of Parliament, all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities."

Yours sincerely,

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

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

Copy to:      All MP & MPP's  
                 Federation of Canada Municipalities (FCM)  
                 Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO)  
                 All Ontario Municipalities