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**To:** Council  
**From:** Loriann Harbers, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk  
**Date of Meeting:** July 13, 2022  
**Subject:** Support for the City of Owen Sound – Removal of Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances

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**Recommendation:**

That Council of the Township of South Stormont supports the City of Owen Sound’s resolution requesting the Province investigate options for the removal of Councillors under prescribed circumstances and to facilitate strengthened orientation sessions for Councillors.

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**Executive Summary & Background**

As a result of appalling instances of misogyny and hatred across municipal councils in Ontario, the City of Owen Sound has requested endorsement and support of their resolution from all municipalities in Ontario for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to:

1. Study the merits of allowing the recall of municipal councillors under carefully prescribed circumstances, including displays of hatred, misogyny and all forms of discrimination; and
  2. Facilitate strengthened and ongoing orientation and training sessions for councils, local boards, and committees.
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**Alignment with Community Strategic Plan:**

Goal 5: Strong Community  
Objective 1.3: Human Resources

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**Risk and Asset Management Considerations:**

There are no foreseen risks.

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**Options:**

1. That Council support the resolution from the City of Owen Sound.
  2. Other
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**Financial Impact:**

There is no direct financial impact to the Township for supporting the resolution.

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**Others Consulted:**

Support requested by Councillor Andrew Guindon

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