



March 6, 2023

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

***Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)***

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Barriers for Women in Politics**

Please be advised that the Council of the City of Niagara Falls at its meeting of February 28, 2023 passed the following motion that was forwarded to us from the Town of Grimsby:

**Ordered on the motion of Councillor Lori Lococo, Seconded by Councillor Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg THAT Council endorse the Town of Grimsby's resolution pertaining to Barriers for Women in Politics that reads as follows, reflecting the City of Niagara Falls's support:**

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls 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 City of Niagara Falls 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 City of Niagara Falls 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 City of Niagara Falls 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 City of Niagara Falls 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, Niagara Falls' MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the City of Niagara Falls' commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Bill Matson  
City Clerk

cc.

All Ontario Municipalities  
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Tony Baldinelli, MP- Niagara Falls  
Wayne Gates, MPP- Niagara Falls  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario