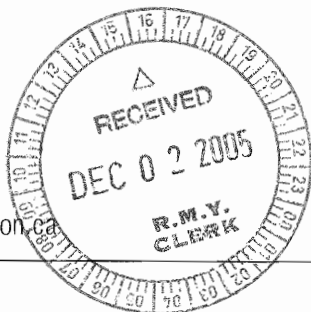


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TO:

Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, Rm 281, Main Legislative Building, Toronto ON M7A 1A4
Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, 777 Bay St, 17th Flr., Toronto, ON M5G 2E5
Caroline Di Cocco, MPP, Sarnia-Lambton, Rm 160, Main Legislative Building, Toronto, ON M7A 1A4
Members of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills
Ontario Municipalities with a Population over 50,000

RE: BILL 123 - TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC MATTERS ACT

This will confirm that at the regular meeting of Kingston City Council held on November 22, 2005, the following Motion (2) was approved:

- (2) Moved by Deputy Mayor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Pater
WHEREAS the provincial Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills is currently debating Private Members Bill 123 Transparency in Public Matters Act; and
WHEREAS the proposed legislation includes municipal council and committees; and
WHEREAS the proposed legislation adds requirements to notice provisions, open meetings, minutes, forms of meetings, among other matters all of which are addressed in the Municipal Act, which would create confusion for council, administration and the public; and
WHEREAS the Municipal Act is currently under review and is being informed by input from the municipal and private sectors among others; and
WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and others have urged the Standing Committee to remove any reference to municipal councils or council committees from this legislation and allow transparency and accountability issues to continue to be regulated under the Municipal Act;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kingston urges the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to vote against the Bill if the reference to 'municipal councils' is not deleted in the Bill as reported by the Standing Committee; and that a copy of this resolution be provided to The Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills and Caroline Di Cocco, MPP, Sarnia-Lambton;

And further

That this Motion be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty and all municipalities in Ontario having a population over 50,000.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Yours truly,

Carolyn Downs
City Clerk

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cc: Deputy Mayor L. Foster
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