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The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario premier@ontario.ca

Re: support of resolution from Township of Conmee

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, at its meeting on February 6th, 2024, pass the following motion supporting the resolution from Township of Conmee relating to requested changes to the Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act.

Resolution #2024-56

Moved by: Daniel O'Halloran Seconded by: Wesley Dyson

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution 2023-0247 from Township of Conmee relating to lobbying the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Act & Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record pardoned from RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in Municipal Elections or holding office in Municipal Council. Carried

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Yours truly,

Cheryl Marshall Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Attorney General – Doug Downey

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Solicitor General – Michael Kerzner

Minister of Municipal Affairs – Paul Calandra

MPP - Graydon Smith

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On December 19th 2023, Council passed the following resolution at its regular meeting:

RESOLUTION 2023-0247 Moved by Councillor Arnold Seconded by Councillor Halvorsen

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record pardoned from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections or holding office in municipal council

AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a criminal offense and must resign

AND THAT Council of the Township of Conmee direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Minister of Municipal Affairs Paul Calandra, MPP Kevin Holland, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition Marit Stiles, MPP and Critic of the Attorney General Kristyn Wong-Tam, MPP and Critic of Solicitor General John Vanthof, MPP and Critic of Municipal Affairs Jeff Burch, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario



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