

In accordance with the notice and submission deadline requirements of Sections 18.1(a) and 11.3, respectively, of Niagara Region's Procedural By-law, the Regional Clerk received from Councillor Butters a motion to be brought forward for consideration at the March 25, 2021 Council meeting respecting Request for Revisions to the Municipal Act, 2001, to Address Serious Misconduct by Municipal Councillors.

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa Integrity Commissioner found that a Member of Ottawa City Council engaged in "incomprehensible incidents of harassments" involving job candidates and staff;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide a mechanism to have a Councillor vacated from their seat despite any acts of serious misconduct;

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has sent correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting revisions to the Municipal Act, 20001 to address such acts of serious misconduct; and

WHEREAS the Women's Advisory Committee is supportive of requesting revisions to the Municipal Act, 2001 to address these matters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting revisions be made to the Municipal Act, 2001, that would provide for the vacating of the seat of a member of council who has been found on clear and convincing evidence to have committed serious misconduct.