



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

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### Honourable Doug Ford

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### Standing Committee on Justice Policy

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### BY EMAIL

RE: Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on August 12, 2024, Council passed a resolution regarding the importance of passing Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024 and the advancement of this bill as it requires the Government of Ontario to recognize that intimate partner violence is an epidemic in Ontario. Council noted that over 100 municipalities, police services and service providers across the province are declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic. Council urges the Province to immediately pass Bill 173, Intimate Partner Epidemic Act, 2024 to recognize the pervasiveness and severity of the problem in an effort to stop the violence.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

#### **R24-08-350**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek  
Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** in light of events locally and around the region, Council supports Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, and urges the Province to immediately pass Bill 173 and declare at the provincial level that Intimate Partner Violence is an epidemic.

**Carried**



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I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "jmall", written in a cursive style.

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**c.c. Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister, Ministry of Health**

Anthony Leardi, MPP Essex

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Marit Stiles, Leader, Official Opposition

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