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Re: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)

At its Regular Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated January 4, 2024 from the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) regarding a proactive submission to modernize the MFIPPA. Council highlighted the importance of updating the Act to better support local program delivery and to be responsive to current technologies. Council request that the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery review the MFIPPA to reflect an open and accountable governance.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R24-02-038

Moved By Councillor Hammond
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek



That the correspondence by Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) regarding a Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) be received and supported; and

That Council adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA) has not been comprehensively reviewed in over 30 years;

Whereas municipalities consider transparency an important tool for building and maintaining public trust and recognize the importance of continuously improving;

Whereas municipal administrators need legislation that supports effective local program delivery, is responsive to current technology and reflects its original intent of open and accountable government;

Whereas MFIPPA presents a number of challenges for municipal staff which can hinder its effectiveness and efficiency when it comes to serving the public;

Whereas municipalities should have updated legislation that ensures municipal resources are best allocated increases trust in public institutions through strengthening accountability, transparency and responsiveness, and addresses the needs of the digital era; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has comprehensively reviewed MFIPPA and put forward recommendations in their submission "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act"; and

Be it resolved that the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery be requested to review MFIPPA and consider recommendations as outlined by AMCTO within their submission, "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act".



Carried

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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Enclosure

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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