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**BY EMAIL**

Honourable Arif Virani  
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**Re: Bill C-63 in the House of Commons**

At its Regular Council Meeting held on April 15, 2024, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated March 27, 2024 from Clearview Township regarding Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a “digital safety commission” and nomination of an “independent” Ombudsperson.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

**R24-04-154**

Moved By Councillor Allard  
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** the correspondence from Clearview Township dated March 27, 2024 regarding Bill C-63 in the House of Commons be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Honourable Jenna Sudds Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development, Chris Lewis, MP, Essex Ridding, Irek Kusmierczyk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh and Brian Masse, MP, Windsor West

**Carried**



We 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: Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister  
Honourable Jenna Sudds Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development  
Chris Lewis, MP, Essex Riding  
Irek Kusmierczyk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh  
Brian Masse, MP, Windsor West



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March 27, 2024

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Minister of Justice & Attorney General  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Sent by Email

**RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons**

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Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

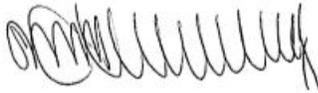
Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



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Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities