



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4 (b) of Procedure By-law

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| Meeting: | Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | February 8, 2023 |
| Subject/Title: | <i>Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022</i> |
| Submitted by: | Mayor David West |

WHEREAS Bill 5 - *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022* was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022.

WHEREAS the City of Richmond Hill and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Richmond Hill Council endorses Bill 5 - *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022* which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.
2. That Richmond Hill Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the City Clerk to send this motion to Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Orléans MPP Stephen Blais; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Local Members of Parliament (MP's); the Local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus (OBCM); the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors, as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

Moved by: Mayor David West

Seconded by: Councillor Carol Davidson