



Office of the City Clerk

February 2, 2015

To All Municipalities over 30,000 residents:

RE: Kingston City Council Meeting – January 27, 2015

I would confirm that Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on January 27, 2015, approved the following resolution, being New Motion 4):

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Government is now considering Municipal Electoral Reform, proposing preferential balloting; and
Whereas permanent residents are valued and active participants in our communities, civically engaged and participating in our municipalities; and
Whereas many democracies around the world have lowered the voting age to sixteen; which has further increased electoral participation; and
Whereas during the Provincial Electoral Review there is an excellent opportunity to expand the electoral franchise in municipal elections;
Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Kingston expresses its support for Preferential Balloting in Ontario Municipal Elections; and
That the City of Kingston encourages the Province of Ontario consider expanding the rights of permanent residents to vote in Ontario Municipal Elections; and
That the Province of Ontario also consider granting election rights to those who are sixteen years old or older.
That copies of this motion be sent to the Ontario Premier's Office, the Leaders of both Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all Ontario Municipalities over 30,000 residents.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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City Clerk

/s

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