August 24th, 2006

Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister
Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON  M5G 2E5

Dear Mr. Minister:

At a meeting of Guelph City Council held on August 21st, 2006, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act provides that on or before July 31 in the year of a regular election, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) shall prepare a preliminary list for each local municipality and deliver it to the clerk;

AND WHEREAS the preliminary list is to contain the name and address of each person who is entitled to be an elector;

AND WHEREAS one of the eligibility requirements for municipal elections is that of Canadian citizenship;

AND WHEREAS in 2006, MPAC has included on the voter notification data file for Guelph, the names of close to 10,000 individuals whose citizenship MPAC has been unable to confirm;

AND WHEREAS the inclusion of unconfirmed citizenship has resulted in additional work and cost to municipalities in Ontario in attempting to confirm status of citizenship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Guelph City Council express its concern to the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the inclusion of unconfirmed citizenship is not in keeping with the Municipal Elections Act and will result in additional cost to municipalities, and inconvenience to voters on election day, and that the Minister be requested to ensure that MPAC complies with the Municipal Elections Act for future elections;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to Liz Sandals, MPP Guelph-Wellington and Ontario Municipalities with a population greater than 100,000."

Yours truly,

Lois A. Giles
City Clerk/Manager of Council Administrative Services

c.: Ms. L. Sandals
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