TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO

Re: Representation by Population
Our File No. 35.31.2

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines at its regular meeting held on November 26, 2007, enacted the following resolution and directed it be forwarded to all municipalities for endorsement:

"Whereas one of the founding principles of Confederation is Representation by Population and the equitable apportionment of seats in the House of Commons;

"Whereas the changes proposed by the Federal Government in Bill C-22 will add some seats in the House of Commons, Ontario will remain underrepresented;

"Whereas under the proposed legislation, Members of Parliament from Ontario will continue to represent a greater number of constituents than Members of Parliament in other provinces, effectively reducing the representation of Ontarians;

"Be It Resolved that the City of St. Catharines express its support for fair Representation by Population and equitable representation in the House of Commons;

"Be It Further Resolved that the City of St. Catharines urge the Federal Government to consider changes to Bill C-22 to ensure the fair and equitable representation for Ontarians;

"Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Stephen Harper Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and all Niagara MP’s and MPP’s.

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