November 17, 2011

TO: Ontario Municipalities with Population over 100,000

Dear Sirs/Madams:

RE: NEW MOTIONS (3) – DEVELOPMENT OF A YOUTH STRATEGY THAT PROMOTES DIVERSITY AND TOLERANCE AND PROVIDES INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE – NOVEMBER 15, 2011

I would confirm that at the November 15, 2011 meeting of Kingston City Council, the following New Motion (3), was approved:

(3) Moved by Councillor Schell
Seconded by Councillor Glover

WHEREAS a fellow City Councillor, Alan Hubley of Ottawa, and his family have suffered the death of their 15 year old son James, and

WHEREAS Councillor Hubley has described publically the efforts his gay son made to promote diversity even as he was bullied; and

WHEREAS our local school boards have policies in place regarding bullying and are concerned about the shortage of mental health services for young people; and

WHEREAS researchers, like Professor Wendy Craig at Queen’s University, are studying the devastating effects bullying has on both the victims and the perpetrators over time; and

WHEREAS National Bullying Awareness Week is November 13th to November 19th; and

WHEREAS the City of Kingston has committed to the development of a youth strategy in collaboration with local community partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the City of Kingston supports the development of a youth strategy that promotes diversity and tolerance and that provides inclusive programs and services for all young people; and
THAT a copy of this motion be sent to The Rt. Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, Ted Hsu, M.P. for Kingston and the Islands, The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, The Honourable John Milloy, Minister of Community and Social Services, The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Education, The Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General and MPP for Kingston and the Islands, and Ontario municipalities with a population of over 100,000, urging them to develop similar youth based strategies to ensure that all young people are given the chance to fulfill their potential.

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Yours truly,

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City Clerk

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