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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regulation of the Display of Graphic Images

Dear Community and Protective Services Committee members,

I have read through the agenda for The 4th Meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee scheduled for February 20, 2024, which includes item 4.1 listed as "Regulation of the Display of Graphic Images." This proposed amendment to the Streets By-Law (S-1), seeks to in its' own words, define graphic images as "an image or photograph showing, or purporting to show, a fetus or any part of a fetus." If the motion is allowed to pass, then in effect this would create a blanket ban on showing any visual representation of a fetus or a child that has not been born, all regardless of the reasons for displaying the picture, or even if the statements communicated by the visual are all factually true. This law also creates a complete blanket ban on all formats of displaying images of a fetus (or purported to be a fetus), regardless if it is a photograph, an ultrasound, a computer-generated image (CGI), an animation, a silhouette, or even a drawing.

As a Canadian citizen residing in the province of Ontario, I am obligated to oppose this proposed ban on public displaying of images of fetuses in the City of London.

This heart of the proposed by-law amendment is not about public safety nor about the perceived prevention of harm, but this proposed by-law amendment is about catering to a small group of vocal pro-choice activists who are greatly inconvenienced by the truth behind two key questions in the topic of abortion:

- 1. What is an abortion and what exactly happens in an abortion?
- 2. Does observable science prove that a fetus is a human being?

A simple image of a fetus without any commentary, answers these two questions in an observable fashion that is not favourable to those invested in the abortion industry nor favourable to pro-choice activists, and fetal imagery is also responsible for convincing countless people to value preborn human life. That is ultimately the heart behind the reason for this proposed by-law amendment, to specifically target pro-life / anti-abortion people and one of their key methods used for peacefully changing the public's hearts and minds on the topic of abortion.

Unfortunately, the vocal small group of pro-choice activists who champion this by-law amendment, do so without any regard for pregnant women (who may inadvertently run afoul of this by-law if they look at their ultrasounds while in public), with no regards for the lives of the unborn children, and with no regards for the rights and freedoms of all Canadians including themselves as the by-law amendment would set a dangerous precedent to ban any message that someone does not like, and with no regard for any **objective truths** being communicated.

"In the same way as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these people <u>oppose the truth</u>. They are people with <u>corrupted minds</u>, whose <u>trust cannot pass</u> the test. However, they won't get very far; because everyone will see how foolish they are." - 2 Timothy 3:8-9, of the Complete Jewish Bible (CJB).

While there may be a concern raised that any form of fetal image can cause discomfort, this discomfort is linked to shaking the conscience of either those invested in the abortion industry or of pro-choice activists, who are confronted with the reality and truth of what they ardently support. While it lies

within their own free will to choose how to respond to this truth, either by humbly reflecting on their values or hardening their consciences against any truths presented, they are not entitled to place the blame for their shaken conscience on innocent people they disagree with nor use the color of law to compel compliance to their viewpoint that runs contrary to objective truth. It is therefore the City Community and Protective Services Committee's job, to not enable that targeted behaviour perpetrated by special interest groups and individuals against Canadians living in the City of London who use visual means to express positive views concerning a fetus or the unborn.

This is not about asking the Committee to side with either pro-life or pro-choice, but is a request that the Committee stands with all Canadians and their right to discuss this topic publicly and express their views and even truths concerning the topic by even visual means. Thus, you are requested to vote against this proposed by-law amendment.

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