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October 5, 2012

His Worship the Mayor
And Members of Council

**Re: Emergent Motion – Council Meeting of October 9, 2012
United Nations International Day of the Girl Child**

WHEREAS the current worldwide generation of young people is the largest in human history, with nearly half the world's population—more than 3 billion people—under the age of 25, of which approximately 51 percent or 1.51 billion are female;

AND WHEREAS sixty percent of girls say that they experience stereotypes that limit their right to be themselves; 52 percent of girls say they experience stereotypes that limit their right to express themselves with originality and enthusiasm; more than a third (37 percent) of girls feel constrained by these stereotypes, saying they don't like them;


AND WHEREAS gender equality is a fundamental right for all people as well as a cornerstone of global development, as research shows that investing in girls can create a ripple effect that not only improves the lives of girls but also benefits the economic growth and the health and well-being of communities;


AND WHEREAS the United Nations has declared October 11, 2012 as the first International Day of the Girl Child and Canada has led the international community in adopting this day.

Moved by Councillor H.L. Usher, seconded by Councillor J.L. Baechler:

That all citizens BE URGED to support and participate in programs and events to improve the lives of girls everywhere in support of the first International Day of the Girl Child.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.


H.L. Usher
Councillor, Ward 12


J.L. Baechler
Councillor, Ward 5