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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of Council

Re: **Motion of Which Notice is Given – Options – Criminally Charged or Convicted Elected Officials**

This is to advise that I would like to introduce the following motion at the Municipal Council meeting of December 11, 2012. This motion is being brought forward directly to the Municipal Council for its consideration, given the recent number of instances across Canada where elected officials have been charged and/or convicted of criminal activity, which has resulted in a call by the public for tighter rules in dealing with these situations in order to maintain public trust.

Motion:

“That the following actions be taken with respect to options for dealing with those situations where a Council Member is charged and/or convicted of a criminal offence:

- a) legal advice **BE PROVIDED** as to what options might be available, under current legislation, for dealing with the above-noted situations, with the intent of maintaining public confidence in the work of the Municipal Council before and after a decision of the Courts is rendered (e.g. leave of absence of the affected member while awaiting trial, etc.); and
- b) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back with a proposed amendment to the Council Policy related to the appointment of an Acting Mayor, which would disallow a Council Member who wishes to be appointed, or run for office, to fill a vacant Mayor's seat, to fill the vacant seat on an interim or acting basis pending the filling of the vacant seat through an appointment or by-election.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy White / E.S.

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Councillor, Ward 14