



**Township of Brock Motion for Intimate Partner Violence  
November 27, 2023**

**Declare the Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**WHEREAS intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship;**

**AND WHEREAS on the morning of September 22, 2015, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a former partner;**

**AND WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner's inquest into the events of September 22, 2015 delivered 86 recommendations;**

**AND WHEREAS specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories; however, Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation;**

**AND WHEREAS the Violence Prevention Coordination Council (VPCC) of Durham which represents 35 local agencies including: Brock Community Health Centre, The Nourish and Develop Foundation, and Victims Services of Durham Region, who has seen a significant increase in demand for assistance from local IPV support providers, with IPV victim support up 32% over four years and sexual violence victim support up 277% over four years;**

**AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby and Municipality of Clarington and Regional Municipality of Durham Region have passed motions declaring an IPV epidemic, and acknowledging the 86 recommendations in the Renfrew County Inquest.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. The Ontario Government declare an IPV epidemic, as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and**
- 2. This motion be distributed to Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Brock MPP Laurie Scott, the Ministry of The Attorney General, the Ministry of Women's Social and Economic opportunity, the Region of Durham and Durham Municipalities, Renfrew County and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**