

Council Memorandum

Date:	May 9, 2023
To:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Deputy Mayor Richardson
Re:	Supporting Bill 74 for Emergency Needs of Vulnerable People

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Deputy Mayor Richardson, **Supporting Bill 74 for Emergency Needs of Vulnerable People**, be received;

That the City of Kawartha Lakes support the Province in their initiative to bring forward a Bill supporting the emergency needs of vulnerable persons;

That this resolution be forwarded to MPP Laurie Scott (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) and MPP Monique Taylor (Hamilton Mountain); and

That this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

As you know, MPP Taylor brought forward Bill 74 in March of this year. The Ford government took it off the floor and sent it to the Committee of Justice to review and provide amendments.

Bill 74 suggests implementing an alert system for those with special needs who leave family custody. The creation of such a system is warranted in the Province of Ontario.



It is key that the amendment emphasize **vulnerable persons** (generally) and not just children. The result being that those with cognitive disabilities/ neuro-divergences are also accounted for.

Support for this memorandum is coming at a crucial time where changes are being made provincially.