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The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Re: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors

Dear Minister,

Please be advised that at the February 21st meeting, the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh adopted the following resolution,

Moved by Anita Snobelen

Seconded by Evan Hickey

WHEREAS concerns surrounding the accuracy of the Voters' List has been highlighted in elections past and inaccuracies continue to plague municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Ontario now has the responsibility to prepare and maintain a Permanent Register of Electors, under the Elections Act, for future municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS an accurate Permanent Register of Electors is paramount in upholding the integrity of democratic government;

AND WHEREAS an accurate Permanent Register of Electors could increase voter turnout statistics and possibly contribute to positive voter apathy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, MPP Lisa Thompson and Ontario Municipal Councils for their support.

Carried

Sincerely,

Florence Witherspoon
Municipal Clerk

cc. Greg Essensa, Chief Electoral Officer for Ontario, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, and
Ontario Municipal Councils