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September 21, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: City of St. Catharines – Create a Comprehensive Marine Strategy

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of September 20, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the City of St. Catharines dated September 3, 2021 requesting the Province of Ontario to signal their commitment to the importance of the marine sector by appointing or creating an Ontario Marine Strategy Secretariat position to lead the consultations and oversee the strategy.

Attached please find a copy of the City of St. Catharines correspondence dated September 3, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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Attach

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September 3, 2021

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**Re: Comprehensive Marine Strategy
Our File 35.31.99**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on August 30, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS Canadians depend on our waterways for leisure, sustenance, and their livelihood and our marine sectors contribute approximately \$31.7 billion annually in gross domestic product and account for close to 300,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS the federal government has consulted widely with the provinces and territories, Indigenous peoples, industry, conservationists, and all Canadians in the development of the Blue Economy Strategy; and

WHEREAS Quebec, British Columbia, and the Atlantic provinces have achieved great success in the emerging marine sector economy, and to remain competitive Ontario must capitalize on the economic potential of its marine sector; and

WHEREAS the marine industry is vital to Ontario’s economy through the creation of jobs, increased supply chain efficiencies and resilience, and the ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and road congestions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council calls on the Government of Ontario to create a comprehensive Marine Strategy that will:

- Provide the Great Lakes with modern and competitive infrastructures, and
- Ensure efficient and ecosystem-friendly navigation of the Great Lakes, and
- Deliver sustainable development opportunities for maritime communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council calls on the Government of Ontario to signal their commitment to the importance of the marine sector by appointing or creating an Ontario Marine Strategy Secretariat position to lead the consultations and oversee the strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation; local MPPs; the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); Ontario's Big City Mayors (formerly Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario-LUMCO); the Niagara Region; all local area municipalities; MP Chris Bittle; MP Vance Badaway; and Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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