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Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, P. O. Box 1042
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Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Niagara Region's Motion – Voluntary Russian Sanction Request

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 30, 2022 received and supported the Region's correspondence dated May 19, 2022 regarding the following:

- Denouncing Russia's unjustifiable invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine,
- Supporting sanctions that the Federal Government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia,
- Advising any Regional Councillor who wishes to be may voluntarily sanctioned indicate their support
- Regional Chair to send correspondence to the Consulate General of the Russian Federation naming those Councillors who indicated their support, resulting in their "indefinite ban from entering Russia",
- Forwarding to all municipalities in Ontario requesting they consider enacting similar measures in order to present a united front and support the citizens of Ukraine.

A copy of your correspondence dated May 19, 2022, is attached.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
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CL 10-2022, May 19, 2022

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Whereas Russia's unprovoked and brazen invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine has been unequivocally condemned by the majority of the free world, including by those living and working in Niagara;

Whereas the death and destruction caused by Russia's senseless invasion will have a lasting impact on the innocent and independent citizens of Ukraine;

Whereas Russia has placed sanctions on many Canadian premiers, mayors, journalists, military officials as well as senior staff in the federal government, "indefinitely" banning these individuals from entering Russia;

Whereas those Russian sanctions include Toronto Mayor John Tory and Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson;

Whereas the residents and businesses of Niagara stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the proud Ukrainian-Canadian community who call our region home;

Whereas Niagara Region continues to be a willing host to those Ukrainian citizens fleeing their homeland during this challenging time, providing support through the Region's Community Services Department as well as number of other local agencies;

Whereas silence may be interpreted as complicity; and

Whereas any sanctions placed on Niagara's elected officials be considered wholly ineffective and be received as a demonstration of Niagara's steadfast commitment to support Ukraine during this time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council unequivocally **DENOUNCES** Russia's unjustifiable invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine;

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2. That Niagara Regional Council **SUPPORTS** all of the sanctions that the Federal Government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia;
3. That any Regional Councillor who wishes to be voluntarily sanctioned **INDICATE** their support by advising the Regional Chair's Office by phone or email by no later than Friday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m.;
4. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Consulate General of the Russian Federation with the names of the Regional Councillors who have indicated their support to be voluntarily sanctioned, resulting in their "indefinite" ban from entering Russia;
5. That the Regional Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to circulate this motion to Niagara's 12 local councils, local area MPs, MPPs, AMO, and FCM; and
6. That this motion **BE FORWARDED** to all other municipalities in Ontario, requesting they consider enacting similar measures in order to present a united front and support the citizens of Ukraine.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk
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