



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

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Subject:	Bill C-63
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Attachments:	Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a “digital safety commission” and nomination of an “independent” Ombudsperson; and,

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada.

INFORMATION

The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading. Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children
- Duty to act responsibly
- Duty to remove egregious content

The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a “Digital Safety Commission” and nominate an “independent” Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians. Online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws. Online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self-harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences.

Respectfully Submitted

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