

April 22, 2026

Sent via Email: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, Heads of Council and Municipal Clerks, Ontario Municipalities

Re: Resolution - Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

Please be advised that at its meeting held on April 13, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic and requesting action from municipalities and the Province of Ontario.

Council respectfully shares the resolution below for your consideration and support.

Resolution Number CR.103.2026

Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Keith Bell

WHEREAS statistics report that more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have determined that in 2024 there was an 18% increase in intimate partner violence victims compared to the previous year;

AND WHEREAS North Simcoe Victim Services has had an increase in calls of 64% in the past two years;

AND WHEREAS Green Haven Women's Shelter, which serves the Township of Ramara, received more than 1,025 crisis calls in the past year;

AND WHEREAS studies note that the risk of intimate partner violence is 75% higher in rural communities, like the Township of Ramara;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ramara request support from other municipalities to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic, if they have not already done so;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ramara requests the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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