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**All Ontario Municipalities with a Population over 50,000**

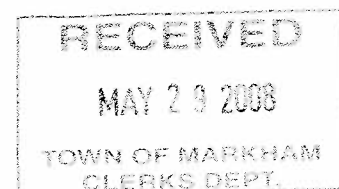
Dear Sirs:

**RE: MOTION (8) – MAY 20, 2008 – ONTARIO BUILDING CODE**

I would confirm that Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on May 20, 2008, approved the following Motion (8):

- (8) Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Gerretsen  
**WHEREAS** the Ontario Building Code (the Code) regulates the standard of construction of buildings in Ontario; and,  
**WHEREAS** municipalities may not demand a standard of building construction that exceeds those standards set out in the Code; and,  
**WHEREAS** climate change is the greatest challenge that we humans have to face; and,  
**WHEREAS** human greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are causing climate change to accelerate at an alarming and unprecedented rate; and,  
**WHEREAS** the operation of buildings contributes to over 40% of our GHG emissions; and,  
**WHEREAS** the City of Kingston is a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners in Climate Protection and is committed to reducing community greenhouse gas emissions by 10% by 2014;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the City of Kingston strongly encourage the Ontario Government to amend the Ontario Building Code to significantly increase the minimum requirement for energy and water efficiency within new buildings, and do so as soon as possible and before the increased requirements that come into effect in 2011;  
- and further -  
**THAT** the Council of the City of Kingston strongly encourage the Ontario Government to amend relevant legislation to indicate that the Code is the minimum standard for energy and water efficiency to which builders must adhere, but that municipalities may pass by-laws that require efficiency standards that exceed the Code so that community GHG emissions may be reduced;

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- and further -

**THAT** this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of the Environment, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to all municipalities in Ontario with a population of 50,000 or more to seek their support, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to lobby on our behalf.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Carolyn Downs  
City Clerk

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Cc: Councillor L. Foster

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