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TO: Hon. Vic Toews, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Rt. Hon. Steven Harper, Prime Minister

Hon. Peter Milliken, MP, Speaker of the House of Commons

Rt. Hon. Paul Martin, Leader, Liberal Party

Hon. Jack Layton, Leader, NDP Party

Hon. Gilles Duceppe, Leader, Bloc Québécois

Joanne Blais, Director, Portsmouth Community Correctional Centre

R. A. Sharp, Director of Education & Secretary, Limestone District School Board

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Ontario Municipalities with a Population over 50,000

RE: REQUEST FOR CORRECTIONS CANADA TO RECONSIDER PLACEMENT OF LONG-TIME SEX AND VIOLENCE RELATED OFFENDER AT PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTRE AND TO REVIEW APPLICATION OF LONG TERM SUPERVISION ORDERS

This will confirm that at the regular meeting of Kingston City Council held on February 21, 2006, the following Motion, was approved:

Moved by Councillor Pater

Seconded by Councillor Stoparczyk

WHEREAS residents of Calvin Park and Polson Park as well as families of Polson Park Public School students have raised serious concerns about the recent placement of a long time sex and violence related offender in the nearby Portsmouth Community Correctional Centre and:

WHEREAS the Portsmouth Corrections facility and other similar Canadian facilities were originally mandated and designed for managing day parole cases, not for managing persons under long term supervision orders that may be for up to ten years and;

WHEREAS there are now many Corrections cases under long term supervision orders that are very complex and require specific strategies to maintain public safety and provide proper treatment for persons with serious mental disorders and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kingston City Council requests Corrections Canada to reconsider the February 8, 2006 placement in the Portsmouth Community Correctional Centre of a long time sex and violence related offender and;

FURTHER THAT Kingston City Council petitions the Federal Minister of Justice, Hon. Vic Toews, MP, to review the application of long term supervision orders with a view to updating the system to deal more effectively with current realities in the criminal justice system, especially as it applies to community correctional facilities and public safety and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated for information to the Rt. Hon. Steven Harper, Prime Minister; Hon. Peter Milliken MP for Kingston and The Islands; Liberal Leader Rt. Hon. Paul Martin, MP; NDP Leader, Hon. Jack Layton, MP; Bloc Québécois Leader, Hon. Gilles Duceppe, MP; Ms Joanne Blais, Director of the Portsmouth Community Correctional Centre and Mr. Ron Sharp Director of the Limestone District School Board, and for endorsement to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to all Ontario municipalities with populations greater than 50,000.

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Yours truly,

Carcly Downs
Carolyn Downs
City Clerk

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cc: Councillor B. Pater

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