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TO THE EIGHT AREA CLERKS AND DURHAM MPPS



October 27, 2021

Fernando Lamanna
Clerk
Township of Brock
1 Cameron Street East
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Dear Mr. Lamanna:

RE: Free Menstrual Products at Region Facilities, Our File: A00

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on October 27, 2021,
adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas according to the most recent Canada census data 51% of
the population of Durham Region are women;

And Whereas the government of Ontario has taken a leadership
position and recently announced a province-wide initiative to
provide free menstrual products to every secondary school in
Ontario;

And Whereas “Period Poverty” where girls do not have access or
the resources for menstrual products exists in our community, and
this can interfere with their ability to take part in sports and or
activities;

And Whereas menstrual products are a necessity, not a luxury;

And Whereas access to free high-quality products is fundamentally
a human rights issue and crucial to the health, well being and
success of women who don’t have access to these products;

And Whereas women’s menstrual products are not currently freely
available in all public Region run facilities,

And Whereas the lack of feminine hygiene products has been
identified as a barrier to access for some women and girls;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That staff investigate the possibility and cost of adding
free menstrual products to all public Region facilities and add
this as a decision item for the 2022 Regional budget; and

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2. That a copy of this motion be shared with all Durham area Municipalities, and Durham area MPPs.”

Ralph Walton

Ralph Walton,
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