



July 7, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Re: Intimate Partner Violence

I am writing to inform you that at a meeting held on June 23, 2026, Council of the County of Simcoe adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas 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 Simcoe County Violence Against Women Agencies received 12,870 crisis calls in 2025.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the County of Simcoe declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

That the County of Simcoe request support from its lower-tier municipalities to declare, if they have not already done so; and

That the County of Simcoe requests the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, the local County of Simcoe MPPs, and the Premier of Ontario."

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached by email at clerks@simcoe.ca or by phone at 705-726-9300 ext. 1202.

Sincerely,

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County of Simcoe

CC Premier of Ontario
All municipalities in Ontario
All County of Simcoe Members of Provincial Parliament