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Subject: FW: IPV Resolution of 2022

April 20, 2026

Dear Mayor Bailey:

Subject: URGENT: Implementation of the 2022 Coroner's Inquest Recommendations regarding VAW/IPV

On behalf of the Cathcart Women's Institute of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) and our members, we are writing to re-state our unwavering support for the resolution put forth by the Burnstown Women's Institute.

It has been nearly four years since the tragic events in Renfrew County and nearly two years since our initial correspondence. We are deeply concerned by the lack of a formal response regarding the Province's stance on the June 2022 Coroner's Inquest recommendations. Violence Against Women (VAW) and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) have reached epidemic proportions in Ontario, and the time for coordinated, provincial action is long overdue.

The Resolution

Title: Implementation of the June 2022 Coroner's Inquest Recommendations to Curtail VAW and IPV

- **Whereas** VAW and IPV are increasing at an alarming rate, causing irreparable harm to families and resulting in the death of a woman every week in Ontario;
- **Whereas** the 2022 Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest highlighted that rural women face heightened risks due to isolation, lack of transportation, and unreliable communication services;
- **Whereas** current judicial procedures often fail to hold abusers accountable, placing the burden of safety entirely on the victims;
- **Whereas** numerous Ontario municipalities, including Ottawa and Toronto, as well as the Government of Canada, have already recognized this crisis as an "epidemic";

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urges the Government of Ontario to:

1. **Declare VAW/IPV an epidemic** as per Recommendation #1 of the Coroner's Inquest to acknowledge the gravity of this social crisis.

2. **Formally adopt and implement** the remaining recommendations of the 2022 Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest as an immediate provincial priority.
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The FWIO is eager to collaborate with the government to develop and implement these life-saving initiatives. We believe a collective, provincial effort is the only way to create a safe environment for those affected by domestic and partner violence.

We have waited two years for a meaningful dialogue on this matter. We look forward to your prompt response and a clear timeline for the implementation of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

**On behalf of the Members, Cathcart Women's Institute, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario
c/o Janet Barnard, Secretary Cathcart WI**