

**LETTER TO MPP AND MINISTER OF LABOUR
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYER DESIGNATION**

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WHEREAS the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB) decision to designate the City of Sault Ste. Marie as a construction employer in 1987 has meant that a monopoly on City construction work is held by two specific unions, to the exclusion of all other unionized and non-unionized businesses; and

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie has directed its staff to prepare and implement the necessary changes to the City's practices in order for it to challenge its construction employer designation; and

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie recognizes that a legislative fix to the *Ontario Labour Relations Act* would be the quickest and most inexpensive way for the City to shed its designation as a Construction Employer; and

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports and encourages a change to the *Ontario Labour Relations Act* such as the one previously proposed by MPP Michael Harris of Kitchener-Conestoga;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Sault Ste. Marie, through the Mayor's Office, set out in a letter to MPP Ross Romano and Minister of Labour Kevin Flynn the City's position and desire to see a change to the *Ontario Labour Relations Act* that would exclude the City of Sault Ste. Marie from the definition of a Construction Employer.