



ZONTA

CLUB OF GUELPH

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City Clerk's Office
City of Guelph
1 Carden Street
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Mayor and Councillors,

For over 100 years Zonta International has been working to build a better world for women and girls including an end to gender based violence. We work with local groups raising awareness about human trafficking, support local women's shelters and advocate for legislation that protects women's rights.

During the 16 Days of Activism, 25 November - 10 December, Zonta clubs around the world raise awareness in the **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women** campaign spotlighting the global pandemic of women's rights violations.

We understand a motion is being put forward that Guelph City Council declare that intimate partner violence and violence against women an epidemic. **We wholeheartedly support this motion.**

Every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner. Last year in Ontario 52 women, or one every week, were victims of femicide. All levels of government must work together to address this serious problem.

As more than 70 municipalities have already taken this important step, we implore you to show that Guelph cares and to join this movement.

Regards,

Dorianne Cushman
President

