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**Ward 5 Councillor Bonnie Crombie Passes Motion to Support the Barbara Schlifer Legal Clinic's Legal Challenge to Protect Long-Gun Registry Data in Ontario**

Mississauga, ON – At today's meeting of Mississauga City Council, Ward 5 City Councillor, Bonnie Crombie moved a motion calling on the City of Mississauga to support the Barbara Shlifer Legal Clinic in their efforts to seek an injunction to retain and prevent the destruction of data collected through the former long-gun registry.

The motion presented by Crombie and passed unanimously by City Council, reads as follows:

*That the City of Mississauga support the Barbara Schlifer Legal Clinic and the City of Toronto in their efforts to seek an injunction in Ontario Superior Court to preserve the data already collected in Ontario by the long-gun registry and to prevent its destruction.*

“Mississauga's City Council has declared on multiple occasions that it supports gun control and the retention of records from the long-gun registry,” said Crombie. “By passing today's motion, Council again sends a strong message that action must be taken and this invaluable data must be protected.”

In May the Barbara Schlifer Legal Clinic, which focuses on violence against women, launched a Charter Challenge against Bill C-19 and the destruction of the long-gun registry, based on the violation of the life, liberty and security of women under section 7 and on the violation of women's equality rights under section 15 of

the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom. If successful in their challenge, the Schlifer Clinic would prevent the province of Ontario from destroying the records already collected by the federal long-gun registry. The City of Toronto has been granted status as an intervener in the case. On September 10, 2012, a Quebec Superior Court judge ruled that the federal government must turn over the province's long-gun records within 30 days, as the information had been collected jointly with the province.

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