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Ms. Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

Re: City Council – Member Motion – MM23.12
   Request to protect the data on non-restricted firearms registered to
   Ontarian owners

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 2012, informing me of the adoption by the City of Toronto
of Member Motion 23.12, a resolution requesting the province to protect the data on
non-restricted firearms registered to Ontario owners. I am pleased to respond, and am also
responding on behalf of the Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General of Ontario.

The Government of Ontario opposes the destruction of all records in the Canadian Firearms
Registry related to the registration of non-restricted firearms. We believe this information is an
important tool for law enforcement in solving crimes involving long guns.

On February 10, 2012, Minister Gerretsen and I wrote to the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of
Public Safety Canada, the federal minister responsible for this important public safety issue,
clearly stating the above views.

Our government has stood by the position that what is necessary is a federal firearms registry,
not a provincial firearms registry. A provincial “registry” does not assist in tracing firearms or
maintaining records of registration on firearms with respect to clients who are non-residents of
Ontario. As such, the Province of Ontario is not creating a provincial gun registry, nor will it be
creating such a registry in the future.

Since the Firearms Act is federal legislation under the jurisdiction of Public Safety Canada, we
urge the City of Toronto to also address its concerns to Minister Toews, at the following
address: Parliament Hill, Suite 306, Justice Building, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario,
K1A 0A6.

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Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Meilleur
Minister

c: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
   Premier of Ontario

   The Honourable John Gerretsen
   Attorney General of Ontario