

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

TITLE: DAY OF ACTION AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN RACISM

FROM:

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

Whereas, in 2020 and 2021, Vaughan Council unanimously endorsed motions by Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco to condemn the rise of anti-Asian racism and vigorously denounce all acts of hatred, discrimination and violence directed against people of various Asian origins;

Whereas, as one of Canada's most diverse communities, the City of Vaughan unequivocally denounces all forms of racism, bigotry and discrimination;

Whereas, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms gives everyone equal rights "without discrimination and, in particular without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability";

Whereas, in April 2021, Stand With Asians Coalition, a grassroots movement that started in Burnaby, British Columbia, requested that Vaughan Council proclaim May 10, 2022, as the "Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism" - a nationwide movement to stand against the rising incidence of anti-Asian racism and other forms of racism;

Whereas, Vaughan is home to an active, engaged and thriving Asian Canadian community made up of successful professionals, concerned citizens, dedicated city-builders and compassionate family members;

Whereas, in January 2020, the City adopted the Vaughan Inclusion Charter in support of the Inclusion Charter for York Region, a document that promotes and celebrates

human rights, accessibility and a sense of belonging to promote equal access to opportunities for everyone;

Whereas, Mayor Bevilacqua called an electronic-participation Special Committee of the Whole meeting, which was held on Nov. 25, 2020, to address issues of racism and to further advance and raise awareness about the City's diversity, inclusion and anti-racism efforts; and

Whereas, Vaughan's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force was approved in 2019 to support the City's ongoing efforts to advance an agenda of diversity, inclusion and accessibility. In 2020, the City of Vaughan established the new position of the Diversity and Inclusion Officer, a senior-level position supported by the City's existing Accessibility and Diversity Co-ordinator.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the City of Vaughan joins the Stand With Asians Coalition to proclaim May 10, 2022, as the Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism;
2. That the City's Corporate and Strategic Communications department promote the passage of this resolution on the appropriate corporate communications channels; and
3. That this resolution and attachments be forwarded to the City's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, York Region, all York Region municipalities, Vaughan's Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament.

*<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2021001/article/00013-eng.htm>

Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, 2020

Police-reported hate crime during the COVID-19 pandemic

Attachments

1. [Member's Resolution: Racism Directed Towards Asian-Canadian Community](#)
(Item 6, Report No. 34 of the Committee of the Whole, July 15, 2020)
2. [Member's Resolution: Condemning The Rise of Anti-Asian Racism](#)
(Item 28, Report No. 16 of the Committee of the Whole, April 20, 2021)