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Item No. 23

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: Re: [External] Urgent Call for Action to address Hate Demonstrations
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 2:53:24 PM

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Dear Mayor Del Duca,

Thank you for your deep understanding and support for our community's concerns since this event this past fall. You took initiative and took action to make a change since this time and our community is tremendously grateful for this. We are fortunate to live in a city where we feel safe to practice our religion openly and have the luxury of being able to walk our streets at any time of day dressed as Jews without fear of harassment.

Your actions speak louder than words. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Talia Nacson and family
Thornhill

On Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 1:16 PM mayor@vaughan.ca <mayor@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for previously contacting the Mayor's Office regarding your concerns about community safety.

We are happy to provide you with this important update.

During the May 22, 2024 Council meeting, Vaughan Council unanimously passed Mayor Del Duca's [Member's Resolution](#), which directs City staff to develop a by-law aimed at protecting Vaughan's places of worship, schools, childcare facilities, and hospital from protests that intimidate, or incite hatred, intolerance, and violence.

I am pleased to inform you that City staff have since developed the proposed by-law, which will be presented to City Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 18th, 2024. To read the proposed by-law, [click here](#).

It would be very helpful if you would please consider sharing your opinion regarding this initiative with all Members of Council and our City Clerk.

To submit a written communication on the proposed by-law, please send an email to clerks@vaughan.ca and council@vaughan.ca. The deadline for submitting written communications is noon on June 17th, 2024.

If you'd like to make a deputation (which can be done in person or virtually) regarding the proposed by-law at the Committee of the Whole meeting, you can do so by pre-registering by completing the [online form here](#) or calling Service Vaughan

at 905-832-2281. Deadline to register for a deputation is noon on June 17th, 2024.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Thank you for your attention and participation in making Vaughan a safer, more inclusive community.

Best regards,

Office the Mayor, Steven Del Duca

-----Original Message-----

From: Talia Nacson [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2024 9:13 AM

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Honorable Officials,

It has come to our attention that a pro-Palestinian demonstration is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 7th, in the immediate vicinity of Beth Avraham Yosef Synagogue. The proximity of this event to not only a house of the worship, but also two daycare facilities and a Jewish day school is understandably cause for significant concern and disturbance within the local community. While we respect the fundamental rights to freedom of speech and expression, it is imperative that the City employ all available measures to ensure strict adherence to all applicable bylaws and regulations.

It is imperative that our law enforcement agencies and politicians fulfill their responsibilities to protect the citizens in an equal and just manner. By allowing these hate-filled demonstrations to continue unchecked, we are giving in to intimidation tactics and holding our entire cities subjected to the whims of violent protestors.

It is time for our politicians and police to step up and do what is necessary to ensure the safety and security of all citizens. We cannot allow bullying and intimidation tactics to dictate the course of our society. It is only through firm and decisive action that we can uphold the principles of justice and equality that our nation was founded upon.

Specifically, we would request the following courses of action:

Parking Enforcement: Implement a highly visible enforcement operation, with ample tow trucks and by-law officers, to monitor parking at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Sobey's Plaza, and the apartment building lot adjacent to the synagogue. Any individuals found parking in these lots without legitimate business should have their vehicles tagged and towed promptly. This will inherently limit attendance.

Street Parking Restrictions: Enforce parking prohibitions on city streets unless direct access to an adjacent property is required.

Cost Recovery: Seek reimbursement from the demonstration organizers for all supplemental security and enforcement costs incurred by the City.

Hate Speech Enforcement: Ensure equal application and enforcement of all relevant laws, including those prohibiting hate speech and vilification. The alleged anti-Semitic slurs directed at counter-protestors during last Sunday's event are unacceptable and must be investigated and prosecuted where warranted.

It is our understanding that York Regional Police were regrettably unresponsive to complaints raised during the previous demonstration. We trust measures will be taken to guarantee this does not reoccur, as preserving public trust in law enforcement authorities is paramount.

A highly visible presence of not only police but also local elected officials in attendance would send a powerful message that such hatred and divisiveness have no place in our community. We look forward to your prompt action to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents in the affected area.

We cannot allow ourselves to be manipulated into believing that tolerating hate expressions will somehow quell the violence. On the contrary, it only emboldens those who seek to disrupt the peace and violate the laws of our society.

I urge you to take swift and decisive action to address this issue and ensure that our residential areas remain safe and peaceful for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Talia Nacson

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