

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, November 07, 2023

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: MOTION ITEM 3 REPORT 1 AHDI - CITY OF VAUGHAN
SUPPORTS JEWISH COMMUNITY IN TIME OF CRISIS
(TRANSMITTAL REPORT)**

FROM:

Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To forward recommendations from the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee with respect to this matter.

Report Highlights

- This is a transmittal report from the City Clerk, on behalf of the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, to bring forward recommendations for consideration by the Committee of the Whole.

Recommendations

The Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee forwards the following recommendations from its meeting of October 16, 2023 (Item 3, Report No. 1), for consideration:

1. That the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee supports the following draft Member's Resolution of Councillor Martow, in its substantive form, as amended by the Committee, and subject to minor amendments:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Martow:

Whereas, during the October 11, 2023, Committee of the Whole (2) meeting of Vaughan City Council, in a recorded vote, Councillors unanimously endorsed a Members' Resolution by Mayor Steven Del Duca and Ward 5 Councillor Gila Martow that the City of Vaughan stands with the people of Israel and offers its sincerest condolences to the families of the innocent lives lost due to the ongoing, egregious acts of violence from Hamas; and

Whereas, as violence ensues, the safety and well-being of innocent civilians, in Israel and Gaza, is of great concern and must be a top priority as part of the international community's response efforts; and

Whereas, the October 16, 2023, meeting of the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee marks the first time this Committee is meeting since reports of the latest terrorist acts began by Hamas on October 7.

It is therefore recommended:

1. THAT the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee endorse the October 11 Members' Resolution – Solidarity with Israel, by Mayor Del Duca and Councillor Martow, which unequivocally condemns the heinous acts of violence and terrorism by Hamas; and
2. THAT the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee applaud the Federal Government for providing an initial \$10 million in funding for humanitarian assistance in response to recent appeals from experienced and trusted humanitarian partners to address urgent needs stemming from the crisis in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza; and
3. THAT the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee further recognize and welcome today's announcement (October 16, 2023) of the appointment of Deborah Lyons as the Government of Canada's new Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism, and that Mayor Del Duca write to Special Envoy Lyons inquiring about what Canada's cities can further do to combat antisemitism, islamophobia, and all forms of hate and discrimination; and
4. THAT the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee reaffirms the United Nations Secretary-General's calls for Hamas to release the hostages immediately without conditions, and that there must be steadfast compliance with international humanitarian law; and

5. THAT we call for the immediate return of fuel, medicines, and other essential supplies to hospitals and aid agencies in the Gaza Strip, condemning the thefts and looting of these essential supplies, and emphasizing that ensuring access to basic necessities is the fundamental role of a government; and
6. THAT we urge all governments and aid agencies to ensure that civilians are not harmed and that they be permitted to leave combat zones, while condemning any reports alleging that Palestinian civilians have been prevented by Hamas forces from leaving the area, and insisting on a thorough investigation and condemnation if such reports are found to be true.

2. That the Member's Resolution be forwarded to Council for approval.

Background

The inaugural meeting of the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee was held on October 16, 2023. At this meeting, under Item 3: CITY OF VAUGHAN SUPPORTS JEWISH COMMUNITY IN TIME OF CRISIS, Councillor Martow introduced a draft Member's Resolution, for consideration.

The Advisory Committee provided comments and amended the resolution accordingly. The Advisory Committee approved the draft resolution in its substantive form, subject to minor amendments, and to be forwarded to Council for approval.

The Member's Resolution has been included as Attachment 1.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Agenda - Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting of October 16, 2023.](#)

[Minutes – Report No. 1 of the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, October 16, 2023.](#)

[Members' Resolution: Solidarity with Israel, Item 11, Report No. 41 of the Committee of the Whole, October 11, 2023.](#)

Analysis and Options

Recommendations from the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

meeting of October 16, 2023, are being brought forward for consideration by the Committee of the Whole.

Financial Impact

N/A

Operational Impact

N/A

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

The Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee forwards its recommendations from the meeting of October 16, 2023, and requests approval of the Member's Resolution: Motion Item 3 Report 1 AHDI, as presented in Attachment 1.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281

Attachments

1. Member's Resolution: Motion Item 3 Report 1 AHDI, dated October 16, 2023

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