

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee**

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**DATE:** Monday, October 16, 2023

**TITLE: MOTION ITEM 3 REPORT 1 AHDI**

**FROM:**

Councillor Gila Martow

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**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 the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee 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 the Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee 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.

### **Financial and Staff Resource Impact**

N/A

### **Attachments**

N/A