

December 20, 2023

Via email:

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Re: Condemning All Acts of Hate

Please be advised that at its meeting held on December 18, 2023, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 250-23:

Whereas the Council of the Town of Whitby vehemently condemns all acts of hate and any form of prejudice, including antisemitism and islamophobia; and,

Whereas any manifestation of racism or discrimination, be it through actions or speech that perpetuates such attitudes, is deemed abhorrent and unwelcome in our community and broader society; and,

Whereas Council, in its commitment to upholding the principles of the Charter for Inclusive Communities adopted during its meetings on January 30, 2017, and October 17, 2017, pledges to respect the dignity of every individual and actively calls for a concerted effort to combat prejudice and hate, including a broadened specific focus on the elimination of antisemitism and islamophobia; and,

Whereas the Council unequivocally condemns recent incidents of hate across Canada.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That Whitby Council, as leaders in the community, express their resolute belief that all acts of hate, racism, and discrimination, including antisemitism and islamophobia, are abhorrent and have no place in our community or society; and,
2. That Whitby Council calls on all levels of government, civil society, communities, and public officials to work together in developing policies, programs, and initiatives to reduce and eliminate all acts of hate, racism, and discrimination, with a specific focus on addressing

antisemitism and islamophobia, and renew efforts to advance community safety; and,

3. That the Clerk be directed to send this resolution to the Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, the Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Area Municipalities, and all Durham MPs and MPPs.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.

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