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Re: Call for National Action Summit on Islamophobia

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held June 21, 2021:

WHEREAS the National Council of Canadian Muslims released an open letter on June 8, 2021 to the Prime Minister about addressing Islamophobia;

AND WHEREAS the lethal and violent attacks on the Canadian Muslim community are an ongoing reality, as demonstrated by the recent hate-motivated killing of a Muslim family in London and the Quebec City Mosque shooting in 2017;

AND WHEREAS strong action on Islamophobia (which the public has rallied and asked for) is often met with great political and partisan resistance, divisiveness and opposition such as M-103, the Systemic Racism and Religious Discrimination of Islamophobia motion passed by the House of Commons in March 2017, calling on the Government of Canada to condemn and address Islamophobia and systemic religious and racial discrimination;

AND WHEREAS putting an end to Islamophobia requires a whole government approach (including federal, provincial and municipal involvement) and concrete action to address Islamophobia;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council supports the call from the National Council of Canadian Muslims for the Government of Canada to hold an urgent National Action Summit on Islamophobia, convening leaders from all levels of government to chart an actionable path forward to end violence against Muslims;
2. Ajax Council calls on the Province of Ontario to provide funding to municipalities and community organizations to develop “street level” anti-racism programs to quell all forms of hate, including Islamophobia;
3. Ajax Council calls on the Province of Ontario and all school boards to embed anti-racism learnings in the school curriculum, making it a fundamental and core element of our

education system;

4. The Town continue to work with the Region of Durham and Durham Regional Police Service to develop concrete actions through the Region's Community Safety and Wellness Plan to address local reports of racial and hate inflicted violence to set a zero tolerance approach to racism in Durham Region;
5. The Town's Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator be directed to work with partners and relevant committees (Ajax Anti-Black Racism Task Force and Durham Region's Anti-Racism Task Force) to collaborate and address the increasing public climate of hate and fear and develop anti-racism and anti-Islamophobia resources and actions, including re-launching the Ajax for All educational campaign; and
6. This motion be shared with The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Hon. Mark Holland, Member of Parliament for Ajax; the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Rod Phillips, Member of Provincial Parliament for Ajax; Durham Region Chair John Henry; the Durham Regional Police Service; all Durham Region municipalities; the Durham District School Board, Durham District Catholic School Board; Conseil scolaire Viamonde; Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir; the National Council of Canadian Muslims; the Ajax Anti-Black Racism Task Force, and the Durham Region's Anti-Racism Task Force.

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Sincerely,



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