



**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.:

Title: Antisemitism Motion

Date: November 9, 2020

Moved by: _____
Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: _____
Mayor R. Bonnette

WHEREAS the Halton Police Services Board on Oct 29th passed support for the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism;

AND WHEREAS the Police Board has asked all Councils in Halton to support the definition as an important tool in addressing antisemitism;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have both adopted the IHRA working definition of antisemitism;

AND WHEREAS we have a shared responsibility to stop antisemitism in all forms through education and public awareness as antisemitic incidents continue to threaten communities and undermine democracy;

AND WHEREAS the IHRA is an intergovernmental organisation founded in 1998 that consists of 34 countries including Canada, each of whom recognises that international coordination is needed to combat anti-Semitism;

AND WHEREAS Statistics Canada confirms that the Jewish community is the most frequent target of hate crimes in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills values democracy, equity, diversity and inclusivity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Halton Hills supports the request by the Halton Regional Police Services Board and the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism and its illustrative examples as adopted at the IHRA plenary on May 26, 2016;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills declare January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day and encourages all Halton municipalities to do the same;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be shared with Halton area Municipalities, Hon. Michael Chong MP, Hon. Ted Arnott MPP, Halton Regional Police, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, AMO and FCM.

Mayor Rick Bonnette