



## City of Hamilton

# EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

**Meeting #:** 21-008

**Date:** July 8, 2021

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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## 5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. Correspondence respecting Sir John A. Macdonald Statue

\*5.1.b. Due to the volume of letters received, Items 5.1 (wk) to (aln) have been combined under Item 5.1 (b)

## 6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

\*6.1. Removal of Sir John A. Macdonald Statue - for today's meeting

Note: Regardless of when the delegation requests were received, video delegations will be played following all virtual delegations.

\*6.1.a. Kojo Dampety, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

\*6.1.b. Miriam Sager

\*6.1.c. Earle Jomes

- \*6.1.d. Jason Capobianco
- \*6.1.e. Gawa-owane Sewatiz
- \*6.1.f. Robin McKee
- \*6.1.g. Christine Joseph-Davies
- \*6.1.h. Jordan Carrier - Video Delegation
- \*6.1.i. Steve Bunn
- \*6.1.j. Tristan Maclaurin
- \*6.1.k. Mary Love, Extinction Rebellion Hamilton Indigenous Affinity Group
- \*6.2. Rev. Dr. Ian Sloan, respecting Removal of Ryerson Name from Recreation Centre at 251 Duke Street, Hamilton

## 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- \*10.3. Golden Horseshoe and Farming Alliance: Serving Up Local II: An Economic Analysis Research Project in Long Term Care (HSC21031) (Ward 7 and Ward 13)

5.1. Correspondence respecting Sir John A. Macdonald Statue  
Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 12.1

Due to the volume of letters, Items 5.1(wk) to (aln) have been combined as follows:

(wk) Janeil van Strien  
(wl) Richard Wesley  
(wm) Deidre Hall  
(wn) Tom Shea  
(wo) Noor Nizam  
(wp) Elizabeth Grebetsadik  
(wq) Deann McGlinchey  
(wr) Michelle Yanes  
(ws) Lana Tancredi  
(wt) Michelle Heugh-Joseph  
(wu) Sean Buchner  
(wv) Donna Akrey  
(ww) Tanis McArthur  
(wx) Hamilton Centre Federal NDP Riding Association  
(wy) Katherine Walker-Jones  
(wz) Jordan Therkildsen  
(xa) Nicholas Silva  
(xb) Tara Giles  
(xc) Natalie Ethier  
(xd) Sarah Rogers  
(xe) Rome Miralso  
(xf) Jay Sibayan  
(xg) Leigh Taylor  
(xh) Olivia McCormick  
(xi) Eva Graves  
(xj) Neisha Ashley  
(xk) Alisha Khan  
(xl) Louise Murray-Leung  
(xm) Nadine Wettlaufer  
(xn) Danielle Mather  
(xo) Fani Smoljanovic  
(xp) Lisa Peart  
(xq) Chris Palmer  
(xr) Chantelle Pealey  
(xs) Emma Borselino  
(xt) Casey Myers  
(xu) Janice Vis-Gitzel  
(xv) Nick de Koning  
(xw) Jaime Jewer  
(xx) Trish Cooke

(xy) Fraser Malcolm  
(xz) Nick VanAmstel  
(ya) Simon Peng  
(yb) Martin Brown  
(yc) Martin Ajayi  
(yd) Peter Vander Klippe  
(ye) Jeanette Eby  
(yf) Kim Selman  
(yg) Brittany Medeiros  
(yh) Erin Yusek  
(yi) Elle Morgan  
(yj) Riley Wignall  
(yk) Mike Norman  
(yl) Ishaan Selby  
(ym) Kelly Craigen  
(yn) Nina Clements  
(yo) Faye Thomas  
(yp) Moe Bsat  
(yq) Jenny Vasques  
(yr) Kristen Gulley  
(ys) Alex Wilson  
(yt) Jaimie Nicole Rizzo  
(yu) Shirleen Datt  
(yv) Amanda Conway  
(yw) Michelle Fanning  
(yx) Kristen McMinn  
(yy) Andrea Phair  
(yz) Tabitha Sayegh  
(za) Ian Fox  
(zb) Christopher Barclay  
(zc) Anne Dwyer  
(zd) Susan Wortman  
(ze) James Quinn  
(zf) Angela Di Nello  
(zg) Elizabeth Andrykew  
(zh) Tim Jones  
(zi) Nimal Agalawatte  
(zj) Meredith Blackmore  
(zk) Andrew Buszchak  
(zl) Em Noordam  
(zm) Frances Hahn  
(zn) Emmali Branton  
(zo) Mirhella Cottone  
(zp) Nageeb Twal  
(zq) Alexandra Henderson  
(zr) Jesselyn Jade



(zs) Sam Harris  
(zt) Marina Gandzi  
(zu) Sarah Bayliss  
(zv) Cora Lynn Oliver  
(zw) Stephanie Lines-Toohill  
(zx) Julia Duguid  
(zy) Morgan Wedderspoon  
(zz) Danielle McKay  
(aaa) Brodi Gardiner  
(aab) Andrew Kirkconnell  
(aac) Odina Gonzales  
(aad) Olivia Simpson  
(aae) Maddison Schreiber  
(aaf) Mariel Rutherford  
(aag) Q Hanna  
(aah) Robinson Inkster  
(aai) Victoria Collins  
(aaj) Steph Manica  
(aak) Emily Rourke  
(aal) Valerie Wettlauffer  
(aam) Tiffany Silversmith  
(aan) Trina Hetherington  
(aao) Tess Visser  
(aap) Megarra Buxton  
(aaq) Addison Brash  
(aar) Alisa Blanchard  
(aas) Robin Lacambra  
(aat) Richard Burnett  
(aau) Kimberly Donaldson  
(aav) Ian Bunton  
(aaw) Stephanie Glancy  
(aax) Monique Thornton  
(aay) Katarina Paré  
(aaz) Kristen Bradbury  
(aba) Maiko Brown-Kai  
(abc) Zachary Thompson  
(abd) Maschal Khan  
(abe) Chris Moors  
(abf) Jessica Sterling  
(abg) Lisa-marie Sterling  
(abh) Tracy Mewhort-Buist  
(abi) Mara Dangelo  
(abj) Meghan Graham  
(abk) Gregor Hemon  
(abl) Mara D  
(abm) Lisa Rostoks

(abn) Katy Santandrea  
(abo) Natalie Lisinska  
(abp) Kamela Mulder  
(abq) Zach Jacobs-Blum  
(abr) Anthony Borselino  
(abs) Elisa Grunwald  
(abt) Laura Scott  
(abu) Lauren Campbell  
(abv) Stephanie Cox  
(abw) Kyla Perna  
(abx) Harlee Mackenzie  
(aby) Lauren Gimblett  
(abz) Iris Langlois  
(aca) Elleah Mudjar  
(acb) Chris Gusen  
(acc) Phoebe Taylor  
(acd) Barry Conway  
(ace) Mitch Ross  
(acf) Katherine McLean  
(acg) Selby Harris  
(ach) Danielle Hitchcock-Welsh  
(aci) Kevin Burke  
(acj) Danica Evering  
(ack) Claudia Leduc  
(acl) Abby Adjekum  
(acm) Spencer Kinchlea  
(acn) Simpne D'Angelo  
(aco) Kieran Croy  
(acp) Katie Sullivan  
(acq) Melissa Dowdall  
(acr) Nera Topcagic  
(acs) Kristian Ferreira  
(act) Holly Di Prospero  
(acu) Laurel Carter  
(acv) Abigail White  
(acw) Joanna Aitcheson  
(acx) Storme Nelan  
(acy) James Nelan  
(acz) Ashley Wilson  
(ada) Kate Shoreman  
(adb) Siobhan McAvoy  
(adc) Kate Reeds  
(add) Robin McGill  
(ade) Annie Horton  
(adf) Chris Rigby  
(adg) Jessican Burrell

(adh) Stephanie Perron  
(adi) Mara Schooley  
(adj) Emily Rodger  
(adk) Margaret Flood  
(adl) Sydney Macrae  
(adm) Marie Treasa Levasseur  
(adn) Andrea Sandhu  
(ado) Julia Marchionda  
(adp) Stephanie Vasquez  
(adq) Erica Preston  
(adr) Amanda Achacon  
(ads) Kate Stoneman  
(adt) Jacob Playfair  
(adu) Alicia Wilfort  
(adv) Kayleigh Paisley Rush  
(adw) Lauren Harnish  
(adx) Krista Browne  
(ady) Lee Meszaros  
(adz) Carina D'Angelo  
(aea) Kaci Switzer  
(aeb) Samantha Richarz  
(aec) Blake Bristol  
(aed) Chantal Huszar  
(aee) Julia Apanasowicz  
(aef) Eva Clark  
(aeg) Matthew Keenan  
(aeh) Mae P  
(aei) Erin Coffell  
(aej) Theresa McPhee  
(aek) Roberta Sealy  
(ael) Madeleine Luvisa  
(aem) Nicole Lepine  
(aen) Emmett Rans  
(aео) Allison Burda  
(aep) Elaine Boileau  
(aeq) Ava Muir  
(aer) Ariel Pillitteri  
(aes) Jaclyn Olano  
(aet) Katherine Boothe  
(aeu) Alexa Deluca  
(aev) Jody Boston  
(aew) Candice Barton  
(aex) Danielle Plester  
(aey) Sofia Labbe  
(aez) Ashley Ince  
(afa) Jennifer Harasen

(afb) Ashley Weegar  
(afc) Deshaun Johnston  
(afd) Alicia Anglin  
(afe) Phoebe Underhill  
(aff) Ned Nolan  
(afg) Brie Chauncey  
(afh) Shelagh Griffin  
(afi) Taylor Greer  
(afj) Elizabeth King  
(afk) Sierra Paquette Struger  
(afi) Nicki Sparks  
(afm) Dana Barton  
(afn) Jeremy Smith  
(afo) Michelle Li  
(afp) Samantha Roketta  
(afq) Megan Scotland  
(afr) Holly Silenzi  
(afs) Danielle Couture  
(aft) Matthew Bergen  
(afu) Sheena Campbell  
(afv) Ema Mahb  
(afw) Soleil Counsell  
(afx) Amanda Kerigan  
(afy) Rachel Nolan  
(afz) Cassandra Hamill  
(aga) Victoria Marko  
(agb) Samantha Butler  
(agc) Carly Billings  
(agd) Alicia Deverill  
(age) Nat D  
(agf) Kate Hunter  
(agg) Alexandra Richarz  
(agh) Judith Charron  
(agi) Giorgia Woolfe  
(agj) Ella O'Hara  
(agk) Giselle Magie  
(agl) Elizabeth Simpson  
(agm) Joy Mudjar  
(agn) Mastawesha Kassa  
(ago) Sara Ali  
(agp) Shannon Graszat  
(agq) Scott Mallon  
(agr) Ava H  
(ags) Tristan Amor  
(agt) Brittany Lauton  
(agu) Kelly Brouwer

(agv) Emma McKenna  
(agw) Adrienne Connelly  
(agx) Vince Soliveri  
(agy) Meaghan Makins  
(agz) Joe Guaca  
(aha) Jordan Carrier  
(ahb) Cailey Campbell  
(ahc) Kayla Crabtree  
(ahd) Heidi Crocini  
(ahe) Matthew Crabtree  
(ahf) Dave Hamilton  
(ahg) Grayling Stevens  
(ahh) Danielle Macintosh  
(ahi) Emily Patrick  
(ahj) Maia De Graff  
(ahk) Brenna Inglis  
(ahl) Delaney Caulfield  
(ahm) Deshawna Charland  
(ahn) Rebecca Potter  
(aho) Ruby Dawn  
(ahp) Mieke Stephenson  
(ahq) Sarah Armstrong  
(ahr) Sheiya Crocini  
(ahs) Jill Stringer  
(aht) Lindsey Kosedy  
(ahu) Eric Randhawa  
(ahv) Anastasia Brockbank  
(ahw) Jean Marchildon  
(ahx) Kal Ing  
(ahy) Carrie St-Martin  
(ahz) Kayla Smith  
(aia) Jennifer Roberts  
(aib) Jessica Vinluan  
(aic) Jennifer Wallace  
(aid) Haley Reap  
(aie) Amanda Wright  
(aif) Alicia Dejong  
(aig) Madi Fuller  
(aih) Buddy Martin  
(aii) Luc Peters  
(aij) Helen Benvenga  
(aik) Shelley Rempel  
(ail) Josh Kemp  
(aim) Dan MacIntyre  
(ain) Lisa Jeffs  
(aio) Robin Miller

(aip) Patricia Burney  
(aiq) Ana Olivares  
(air) Mary Lou Tanner  
(ais) Daniela Igdoura  
(ait) Nick Marquis  
(aiu) Kayla Whitney  
(aiv) Matt Galopoulos  
(aiw) Stacey Campanella  
(aix) Beth Marquis  
(aiy) Claudia Wong  
(aiz) Michael Woodward  
(aja) Drew Mutton  
(ajb) Vanessa Ferry  
(ajc) Tara Gregory  
(ajd) Thea Jones  
(aje) Peigh W  
(ajf) Heather Piggott  
(ajg) Karen Campbell  
(ajh) Janneke Marsman  
(aji) Doug Campbell  
(ajj) Michael Moniz  
(ajk) Doug Rich  
(ajl) Elise Copps  
(ajm) Angela Doxtator  
(ajn) Mark Preston  
(ajo) Seema Narula  
(ajp) Nadine Kalinauskas  
(ajq) David Brock  
(ajr) Mark Best  
(ajs) Andria Harvey  
(ajt) Sheil Allan  
(aju) Cassiopeia Kenner  
(ajv) Jessica Bullock  
(ajw) Cheryl Frappier  
(ajx) Jacqueline Pullar  
(ajy) Mike Highfield  
(ajz) Scott Henry  
(aka) Vanessa Oliver  
(akb) Rachel Dubeckyj  
(akc) Jonathan Lambert  
(akd) Sienna Guiseppe  
(ake) Zeina Hassan  
(akf) Mike Jerome  
(akg) Christopher Arendt  
(akh) Dave Parkinson  
(aki) Brian Bradley

(akj) Patricia Lambert  
(akk) Nicholas Kennedy  
(akl) Chris Sanislo  
(akm) Emily Bennett  
(akn) Adam Palios  
(ako) Rae Jewett  
(akp) Arianne Di Nardo  
(akq) Julie Cudin  
(akr) Simona Tosca  
(aks) Nicole Robin  
(akt) Nancy Silva Khan  
(aku) Jasmin Eng  
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(akx) Paige Butler  
(aky) Shawn Selway  
(akz) Jessica Jane Bill  
(ala) Sara Denault  
(alb) Maria Rowley  
(alc) Bailey Hamilton  
(ald) Allison Jack  
(ale) Adrian Hodgson  
(alf) Mads Clement  
(alg) Adan Olivares Castro  
(alh) Rabel Mirza  
(ali) Michael Oliveira  
(alj) Diana Filc  
(alk) Sara McLaughlin  
(all) Shylo Elmayan  
(alm) Artur Filc  
(aln) Beata Filc

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

From: Janeil van Strien <>  
Sent: June 29, 2021 12:39 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Janeil van Strien, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

Conversations are being held across this country as to what should be done now, even as we collectively brace for what many sadly acknowledge as the grim reality that further such discoveries will undoubtedly be made in the future. This appears to already be starting in Brandon, Manitoba and Lestock, Saskatchewan. There will be others.

One conversation that continuously resurfaces is the one relating to statues and monuments that function primarily to preserve the false patriotic and righteous legacy of the architects of Canada's genocide against Indigenous peoples. This discussion is occurring here in Hamilton, with the City set to decide this issue later this summer, and opinions already being aired in the media.

I stand in solidarity with all Indigenous community members who are re-traumatized each time they are forced to look upon the likeness of the perpetrators of these heinous crimes against them and their communities. Welcoming and accepting societies do not commemorate and idolize individuals who have intentionally and unashamedly committed unspeakable atrocities.

I call upon the City of Hamilton to expedite their process and make the right choice to remove the statue of John A. MacDonald from Gore Park immediately. The tide has turned on this issue, the public has become disillusioned with the myths that have been woven around these historical figures and now see who and what they truly were. These monuments elevate and celebrate nothing other than the ideals of colonialism, genocide, and white supremacy, just as their historical champions did.

Failure to take leadership on this issue would be a disservice to the community, and to those most directly affected by these issues. It would fuel anger, distrust, and disillusionment with the municipal process, and encourage resort to alternative methods of rectifying the issue. Indigenous communities have made themselves clear on this, and the best leadership is proactive, not reactive.

To be clear, this is only a start and is the absolute bare minimum response to these recent events. All cities in Canada must engage in a process of decolonization, anti-racism, and anti-oppression. We are on stolen land and operate within colonial institutions and a society permeated with white supremacy. The time for action is now.

Sincerely,  
Janeil van Strien



**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

From: Richard Wesley < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 1:07 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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I, \_\_Richard wesley \_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Richard Wesley

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Deidre Hall < >  
 Sent: June 29, 2021 1:10 PM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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I, \_\_\_\_\_Deidre Hall\_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
 Deidre Hall

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Tom Shea < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 1:27 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,  
Tom Shea

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Noor Nizam < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 1:53 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Noor Nizam, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Noor Nizam

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

From: Elizabeth GEBRETSADIK <empressliz@hotmail.com>  
 Sent: June 29, 2021 2:47 PM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
 Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Cancel Canada Day & Remove SJAM Statue

**Sent:** June 29, 2021 2:56 PM

**To:** Office of the Mayor <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Farr, Jason <[Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca)>; Nann, Nrinder <[Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca](mailto:Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca)>; Wilson, Maureen <[Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca)>; Danko, John-Paul <[John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca](mailto:John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Whitehead, Terry <[Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca](mailto:Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca)>; Pearson, Maria <[Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Collins, Chad <[Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca](mailto:Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca)>; VanderBeek, Arlene <[Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca](mailto:Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca)>; Ferguson, Lloyd <[Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca)>; Johnson, Brenda <[Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca)>; Partridge, Judi <[Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca](mailto:Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca)>; Merulla, Sam <[Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca](mailto:Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca)>

**Cc:** McGlinchey, Deann < >

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We are a few short days away from July 1 and I wanted to take another opportunity to ask you once again to cancel Canada Day Festivities. Put aside whatever feelings you have and recognize the state we are in. Now is the time to step up and show solidarity and support to the Indigenous Community. This is only going to get worse before it gets better, and there is no better time to start building a relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

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Please do the right thing. We have been ignorant far too long.

Thank you for your time.

Deann

**Bates, Tamara**

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Sent: June 29, 2021 3:26 PM  
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 Sent: June 29, 2021 4:46 PM  
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From: DONNA AKREY < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 5:18 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: TANIS MACARTHUR < >  
 Sent: June 29, 2021 5:30 PM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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**Subject:** FW: Hamilton Centre Federal EDA supports the removal of the John A. MacDonald Statue  
**Attachments:** HamCentre NDP Letter on JAM Statue.pdf

**From:** Hamilton Centre NDP <[info@hamcentrendp.ca](mailto:info@hamcentrendp.ca)>

**Sent:** June 29, 2021 4:31 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Hamilton Centre Federal EDA supports the removal of the John A. MacDonald Statue

Hello,

Please find attached a letter from the Hamilton Centre Federal EDA in support of removing the John A. Macdonald Statue from Gore Park.

Thank you,  
The Hamilton Centre Federal EDA Executive Committee

IMPORTANT: The contents of this email and any attachments are confidential. They are intended for the named recipient(s) only. If you have received this email by mistake, please notify the sender immediately and do not disclose the contents to anyone or make copies thereof.

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and City Council,

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There is a large variety of resources one can consult to educate oneself about the genocidal legacy of Macdonald's policies, and very recently Canadians from coast to coast have been firmly and without doubt been exposed to the horrors of colonization as it took form in the so called "residential schools".

While the removal of the statue would not materially mend the harm done by Macdonald and his legacy, it would be an important symbolic act that is being asked of you and we strongly feel you must honour this request.

In addition, we as the executive thank the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion for providing the [easy to use petition tool](#) so that individual community members can also endorse this call.

- The Hamilton Centre federal NDP riding association executive committee



**Bates, Tamara**

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Sent: June 29, 2021 6:26 PM  
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Sent: June 29, 2021 6:38 PM  
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Sent: June 29, 2021 6:39 PM  
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From: Rome Miraldo < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 7:21 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Jay Sibayan < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 7:22 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Leigh Taylor < >  
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From: Olivia McCormick < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 7:36 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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York, Ontario



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Sent: June 29, 2021 7:47 PM  
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From: "Louise Murray-Leung" &lt; &gt;

Sent: June 29, 2021 9:48 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Nadine Wettlaufer < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 10:01 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Sent: June 29, 2021 10:28 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Danielle Mather

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Fani Smoljanovic < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 10:31 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Lisa Peart < >  
Sent: June 29, 2021 11:23 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Elisabeth Peart, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Chris Palmer < >  
 Sent: June 30, 2021 3:10 AM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Chantelle Pealey < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 6:35 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Emma Borsellino < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 8:25 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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Sincerely,  
Emma Borsellino

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Casey Myers < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:19 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: "Janice Vis-Gitzel" < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:20 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Nick de Koning < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:28 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Jaime Jewer < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:30 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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From: Trish Cooke < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:35 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Fraser Malcolm < >  
 Sent: June 30, 2021 11:45 AM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Simon Peng < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:53 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: martin Brown &lt; &gt;

Sent: June 30, 2021 11:56 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Martin Ajayi < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 12:05 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Peter Vander Klippe < >  
 Sent: June 30, 2021 12:43 PM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Jeanette Eby < >  
 Sent: June 30, 2021 12:55 PM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Kim Selman < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 12:58 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: brittany medeiros < >  
 Sent: June 30, 2021 1:08 PM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Erin Yusek < >  
 Sent: June 30, 2021 1:40 PM  
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Sent: June 30, 2021 1:56 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Riley Wignall < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 1:58 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Hamilton Ontario

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From: Mike Norman < >  
 Sent: June 30, 2021 2:15 PM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Ishaan Selby &lt;ishaan.selby@gmail.com&gt;

Sent: June 30, 2021 2:29 PM

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Sent: June 30, 2021 2:41 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Nina Clements <>  
 Sent: June 30, 2021 2:44 PM  
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Faye Thomas <>  
Sent: June 30, 2021 3:05 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Moe Bsat < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 3:06 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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From: Jenny VASQUEZ < >  
Sent: June 30, 2021 3:36 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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**From:** Kristen Gulley < >

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 4:58 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**From:** Shirleen Datt < >

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 5:14 PM

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**From:** Amanda Conway <>

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 5:16 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Michelle Fanning < >

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 6:11 PM

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**From:** Kristen McMinn < >

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 6:22 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Thanks

Sincerely,

Ian Fox

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Sent:** June 30, 2021 7:46 PM

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**Sent:** June 30, 2021 9:52 PM

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Andrew Buszchak < >

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 10:11 PM

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**Sent:** June 30, 2021 10:16 PM

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**Sent:** June 30, 2021 10:19 PM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Nageeb Twal <>

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 10:32 PM

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**From:** Alexandra Henderson < >

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**From:** Sam Harris < >

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 10:49 PM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** "Stephanie Lines-Toohill" <>**Sent:** June 30, 2021 11:13 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Andrew Kirkconnell < >

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 11:37 PM

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**From:** Olivia Simpson <>

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 11:46 PM

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**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:03 AM

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Steph Manica <

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:27 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Valerie Wettlaufer, mourn along with

the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation  
the Cowessess First Nation  
the Ktunaxa Nation and community of ʔaqam  
and all Indigenous families and communities

in light of the recent discoveries in Kamloops, British Columbia, Cranbrook, British Columbia, and in Saskatchewan of the remains of thousands of children and indigenous bodies at former Residential Schools.

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Tiffany Silversmith < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 1:24 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Trina Hetherington < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 1:52 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Tess Visser < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 3:29 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**From:** Megarrah Buxton < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 5:17 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Addison Brash <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 6:23 AM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Alisa Blanchard  
Toronto, ON

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Richard Burnett < >**Sent:** July 1, 2021 7:09 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Kimberly Donaldson < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 7:13 AM

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**From:** Stephanie Glancy <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:07 AM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, \_\_Katiana Paré\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** "Mariko Bown-Kai" < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:33 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Erika Morton < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:30 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Zachary Thompson <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:36 AM

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**From:** Mashal Khan <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:45 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Chris Moors < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:50 AM

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Jessica Stirling <>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:51 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** "Lisa-marie Johnston" <[lisamoi.lj@gmail.com](mailto:lisamoi.lj@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:52 AM

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**From:** Gregor Hemon < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 9:11 AM

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**Subject:** FW: [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Removal of John A Macdonald statue Gore Park

**From:** Mara D <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 9:15 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:**Removal of John A Macdonald statue Gore Park

Listen to counselor Nirnder about the removal of this statue. I support her and strongly agree with her.

We don't need statues of old racist white men strewn across the great city of Hamilton.

Lots of people are proud to call this city their home....let's continue this feeling by having the people in charge of this city listen to us and allow us to feel heard.

TAKE THE STATUE DOWN.

Thank you

- Mara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Katy Santandrea <[ksantandrea@hamilton.ca](mailto:ksantandrea@hamilton.ca)>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 9:23 AM

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**From:** Natalie Lisinska <>

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**Sent:** July 1, 2021 9:32 AM

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Elisa Grunwald < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 9:37 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Stephanie Cox <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 10:04 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Kayla Perna <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 10:08 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Harlee Mackenzie < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 10:14 AM

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**From:** Lauren Gimblett < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 10:15 AM

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stoney creek ONT



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**From:** Chris Gusen < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 10:21 AM

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Support for removal of statue

**From:** Danielle Hitchcock-Welsh <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 10:31 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Cc:** Whitehead, Terry <[Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca](mailto:Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** Support for removal of statue

I would like to voice my support for Nrinder Nann's motion to remove the statue of John A MacDonald from Gore Park. If we are to truly reconcile with the Indigenous people of this land, we need to take action. No more thoughts and prayers. Real, true action.

Remove the statues. Rename Ryerson community centre.

Thank you,  
Danielle Hitchcock, B.Des  
Principal + Creative Director  
Twin Design

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Kevin Burke <k>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 10:36 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:14 AM

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Sincerely,  
Katie Sullivan

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

**From:** Melissa Dowdall < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:17 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Melissa Dowdall, Canadian citizen, tax-payer, and voting Hamilton resident, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent recovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School, and the hundreds of remains that have been discovered since. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Melissa Dowdall  
Hamilton resident  
Voter, tax payer  
Canadian citizen

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Nera Topcagic <t>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:20 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Kristian Ferreira < >**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:23 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Kristian Ferreira \_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Kristian Ferreira

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Holly Di Prospero <>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:24 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Holly Di Prospero, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Laurel Carter <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:27 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Abigail White < >**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:28 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Abigail White \_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Abigail White

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Joanna Aitcheson < >**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:32 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Joanna Aitcheson, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,

Joanna Aitcheson (she/her)

Ward 3 resident

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Storme Nelan < >**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:39 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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I, Storme Nelan \_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Storme Nelan



**Bates, Tamara**

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Ashley Wilson, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

**From:** Kate Shoreman <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:01 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Siobhan McAvoy <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:01 PM

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Siobhan McAvoy

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

**From:** Kate Reeds < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:05 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Robin McGill <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:10 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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**From:** Annie Horton < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:11 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Sincerely,  
Annie Horton

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Chris Rigby < >**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:13 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Jessica Burrell <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:14 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Stephanie Perron < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:20 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**From:** Emily Rodger <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:26 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Margaret Flood <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:27 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Marie Treasa Levasseur < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:37 PM

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**From:** Andrea Sandhu <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:38 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Alicia Wilfort <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 1:16 PM

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** "Carina D'Angelo" <>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 1:37 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Chantel Huszar <>

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Madeleine Luvisa <>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 3:00 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Councillor Terry Whitehead, and colleagues:

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Sincerely,

Madeleine Luvisa

Hamilton, ON (ward 14)



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**From:** Nicole Lepine < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 3:00 PM

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**Sent:** July 1, 2021 3:25 PM

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**From:** Ava Muir <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 3:27 PM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** alexa deluca <>

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Candice Barton  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Toronto, ON

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**From:** Ned Nolan < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 5:01 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Sincerely,  
Ned Nolan

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Brie Chauncey <>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 5:20 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** "Sierra Paquette-Struger" <>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 6:01 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**From:** Dana Barton <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 6:20 PM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Ema Mahb

**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Rachel Nolan < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:53 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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We must also examine the grounds of the Sanatorium, where we know that First Nations and Inuit people are undoubtedly buried. We know that they came here, and we know that they didn't go home.

I mourn and rage along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation where the first discovery was made, and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent and ongoing and compounding discoveries of hastily buried bodies of dead Indigenous children at the hands of those operating so-called schools, as a part of a genocidal agenda that extended well into my lifetime and whose violence is still felt.

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Lifelong Hamiltonian

**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Cassandra Hamill <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 9:04 PM

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Cassandra Hamill

**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Victoria Marko < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 12:51 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Samantha Butler <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 9:33 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Carly Billings <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 10:15 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,  
Alexandra Richarz

**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Judith Charron < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:35 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,

Judith Charron, a Métis citizen of Hamilton

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Giorgia Woolfe < >**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:44 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** "Ella O'Hara" <>

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:47 PM

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**From:** Giselle Magie < >

**Sent:** July 1, 2021 11:49 PM

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**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Simpson

**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Joy Mudjar <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 1:20 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Mastawesha Kassa <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 6:41 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Sara Ali <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 7:58 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Shannon Graszat <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 8:03 AM

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**From:** Scott Mallon <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 8:16 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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Ward 3 Resident

**Bates, Tamara**

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Ava H

**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Tristan Amor <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 8:33 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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Sincerely,  
Tristan Amor

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Brittany Lauton <>**Sent:** July 2, 2021 9:04 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Sincerely,  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Kelly Brouwer <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 9:26 AM

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**Sent:** July 2, 2021 9:47 AM

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**From:** Adrienne Connelly < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 10:24 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Vince Soliveri < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 10:40 AM

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**From:** Meaghan Makins < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 10:48 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Joe Guaca <>**Sent:** July 2, 2021 11:49 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Cailey Campbell < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 12:54 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Kayla Crabtree < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 2:23 PM

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**From:** Heidi Crocini <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 1:12 PM

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

**From:** Grayling Stevens < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 4:59 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Danielle McIntosh < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 5:03 PM

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Sincerely,  
Emily Patrick



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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Maia De Graff < >**Sent:** July 2, 2021 5:59 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Brenna Inglis <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 6:06 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Deshawna Charland < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 7:07 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Rebecca Potter < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 7:18 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Ruby Dawn <>

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 7:47 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Mieke Stephenson < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 8:17 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**From:** Sarah Armstrong < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 8:37 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Sincerely,  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Sheiya Crocini <>**Sent:** July 2, 2021 10:26 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**From:** Jill Stringer < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 10:27 PM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Jean Marchildon < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 11:16 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**From:** Kal Ing < >

**Sent:** July 2, 2021 11:50 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Sent:** July 3, 2021 4:16 AM

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Jennifer Wallace < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 7:54 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Wallace

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Haley Reap, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discoveries of mass unmarked graves containing the remains of thousands of children in Kamloops, British Columbia, Brandon, Manitoba, and Lestock, Saskatchewan. There will be others. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Amanda Wright < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 8:12 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Amanda Wright, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Amanda Wright

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Alicia DeJong < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 8:20 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Sincerely,  
Madi Fuller

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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**From:** Dan MacIntyre < >

**Sent:** July 3, 2021 9:17 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Dan MacIntyre  
Ward 7  
Hamilton Mountain



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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Robin Miller < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 9:28 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear Fred Eisenberger/Hamilton Councillors,

I, Robin Miller, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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Robin Miller

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Patricia Burney \_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Patricia Burney

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Ana Olivares <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 10:16 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Ana Olivares

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Sincerely,  
Mary Lou Tanner

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Dania Igdoura <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 10:56 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Nick Marquis < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 10:57 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Kayla Whitney <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 11:09 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Kayla Whitney, along with my friends and family mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the hundreds and hundreds of children's bodies found in mass graves at residential schools across Canada. This number is still rising and will continue. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Kayla Whitney



**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Matt Galopoulos <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 11:22 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Mathew Galopoulos \_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Stacey Campanella < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 11:26 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Beth Marquis, mourn along with Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discoveries of unmarked graves on the sites of former residential schools. These discoveries represent merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Claudia Wong

**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Jennifer Roberts < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 12:39 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Roberts

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Jessica Vinluan < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 7:51 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Jennifer Wallace < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 7:54 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Amanda Wright, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Amanda Wright

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Sincerely,  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Buddy Martin < >

**Sent:** July 3, 2021 8:26 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Shelley Rempel <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 8:40 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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**From:** Dan MacIntyre < >

**Sent:** July 3, 2021 9:17 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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Sincerely,

Dan MacIntyre  
Ward 7  
Hamilton Mountain

**Bates, Tamara**

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Lisa Jeffs

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Robin Miller < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 9:28 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear Fred Eisenberger/Hamilton Councillors,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Tricia Burney < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 9:40 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Patricia Burney \_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Patricia Burney

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Ana Olivares <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 10:16 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Sincerely,  
Ana Olivares

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Mary Lou Tanner <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 10:25 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Sincerely,  
Mary Lou Tanner



**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Dania Igdoura <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 10:56 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Dania Igdoura

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Kayla Whitney <>**Sent:** July 3, 2021 11:09 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Kayla Whitney, along with my friends and family mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the hundreds and hundreds of children's bodies found in mass graves at residential schools across Canada. This number is still rising and will continue. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Kayla Whitney

**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Mathew Galopoulos \_\_\_\_\_, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Stacey Campanella < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 11:26 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Beth Marquis, mourn along with Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discoveries of unmarked graves on the sites of former residential schools. These discoveries represent merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as “Canada”.

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Sincerely,  
Claudia Wong

**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Angela Doxtator < >

**Sent:** July 3, 2021 8:10 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Cheryl Frappier <>**Sent:** July 4, 2021 8:46 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Vanessa Oliver < >  
Sent: July 5, 2021 1:44 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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**From:** Rachel Dubeckyj <>

**Sent:** July 4, 2021 10:47 AM

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**From:** Sienna DiGiuseppe < >

**Sent:** July 4, 2021 11:14 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Brian Bradley < >**Sent:** July 4, 2021 12:22 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Emily Bennett <>

**Sent:** July 4, 2021 4:15 PM

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**From:** Adam Palios < >

**Sent:** July 4, 2021 5:59 PM

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**From:** Rae Jewett <>

**Sent:** July 4, 2021 6:11 PM

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**From:** Arianne Di Nardo <>

**Sent:** July 4, 2021 8:03 PM

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**From:** Julie Cudin < >

**Sent:** July 4, 2021 8:10 PM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Jasmin Eng < >

**Sent:** July 5, 2021 8:44 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Jenna Dexter < >**Sent:** July 5, 2021 8:57 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**From:** Adrienne Clarke < >

**Sent:** July 5, 2021 11:49 AM

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: Bailey Hamilton < >  
Sent: July 5, 2021 2:12 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Adan Olivares Castro <>**Sent:** July 6, 2021 11:04 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Adan Olivares Castro, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,

Adan Olivares Castro  
Hamilton, On

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Rabel Mirza , mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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Rabel Mirza

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Michael Oliveira , mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Michael Oliveira



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**Subject:** FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

From: Diana Filc < >  
Sent: July 6, 2021 10:16 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Diana Filc, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery in Kamloops, British Columbia of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. This represents merely the latest revelation from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada".

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Sincerely,  
Diana Filc  
Hamilton, ON

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**Subject:** FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Sara McLaughlin <>**Sent:** July 6, 2021 1:37 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,  
Sara McLaughlin

July 6, 2021

Hamilton City Council  
Hamilton City Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – 71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Boozhoo. Paapaasay ndizhnikaaaz. Anishinaabe ndaaw. I mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, the Cowessess First Nation, the Ktunaxa Nation, and all Indigenous families and communities and seek justice for the little ones that have been uncovered.

I am joining the call to ask the City of Hamilton to remove the statue of John A. MacDonald from Gore Park immediately. The tide has turned on this issue, the public has become disillusioned with the myths that have been woven around these historical figures and now see who and what they truly were. These monuments elevate and celebrate nothing other than the ideals of colonialism, genocide, and white supremacy, just as their historical champions did.

City Council has unanimously supported the Urban Indigenous Strategy and now needs to take leadership on this issue. In supporting the Strategy, the City has committed to listen to the Indigenous community. Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents are raising their voices on this, and if the City is listening, then you understand why action must be taken. To do nothing would damage the trust and relationships that have been built.

All cities in Canada must engage in a process of decolonization, anti-racism, and anti-oppression. From my perspective, removing the statue is a first step. I fear that if the City cannot take action about a statue that represents violence and colonialism, then how will it meaningfully make progress on other significant work to create equity and justice for Indigenous residents.

Sincerely,



Shylo Elmayan  
Member of Hornepayne and Long Lake #58 First Nation  
Ward 12 Resident

**Bates, Tamara**

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**From:** Artur Filc < >

**Sent:** July 6, 2021 9:22 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>  
Sent: July 2, 2021 12:55 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Friday, July 2, 2021 - 12:55pm Submitted by anonymous user: 108.162.241.45 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Kojo Dampthey  
Name of Organization: Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion  
Contact Number: 2899215294  
Email Address: kdampthey@hcci.ca  
Mailing Address: 423 King Street East  
Reason(s) for delegation request: Delegating with respect to the removal of the statue of Sir John A. MacDonald.  
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/519656>

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>  
Sent: July 2, 2021 9:47 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Friday, July 2, 2021 - 9:46pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.34.62 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Miriam Sager  
Name of Organization:  
Contact Number:  
Email Address:  
Mailing Address: Hamilton ON  
Reason(s) for delegation request: Respecting the removal of the  
Sir John A. Macdonald Statue.  
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/519786>



**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>  
Sent: July 3, 2021 12:06 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Saturday, July 3, 2021 - 12:05am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.146.217 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Earle Jomes  
Name of Organization:  
Contact Number:  
Email Address:  
Mailing Address: Hamilton, ON  
Reason(s) for delegation request: Want to support the cause to take down the statue  
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/519811>

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

**Importance:** High

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: July 4, 2021 8:45 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Sunday, July 4, 2021 - 8:44pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.126.99 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Jason Capobianco

Name of Organization: N/A

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton ON,

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Hello,

I would like to submit five minute statement regarding the John A. Macdonald statue in Gore Park during the Emergency and Community services committee meeting on July 8. I am opposed to the removal of the statue and I would love the opportunity to present a succinct statement of fact on why the statue should be kept.

Thank you and much appreciated,

Jason Capobianco

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/520346>

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

**Importance:** High

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: July 5, 2021 12:01 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Monday, July 5, 2021 - 12:01am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.126.141 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Gawa-owane Sewatiz

Name of Organization: Gawa-owane Sesariz

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton

Reason(s) for delegation request:

I am Cayuga an need To

on July 8th speak of issues concerning Haudenosaunee lands and

Haudenosaunee people and concerning issues of John A working

in a co-existence Harmony between our peoples

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/520361>

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>  
Sent: July 5, 2021 3:59 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Monday, July 5, 2021 - 3:58pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.126.23 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Robin McKee  
Name of Organization: Sir John A Macdonald Society Hamilton  
Contact Number:  
Email Address:  
Mailing Address: Hamilton, ON  
Reason(s) for delegation request: To respond to Councillor Nann's motion to remove the Sir John A. Macdonald statue. I would like to present some historical information in support of leaving the statue in place.  
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/520916>

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: July 5, 2021 5:13 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Monday, July 5, 2021 - 5:13pm Submitted by anonymous user: 108.162.241.190 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Christine Joseph-Davies

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton Ontario

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Address Counsel with reason to request removal of John a macdonald statue.

I can attend on camera, zoom and present letter.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/520956>

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: July 5, 2021 10:41 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Monday, July 5, 2021 - 10:40am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.74.213 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Jordan Carrier

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address: Hamilton, ON

Reason(s) for delegation request: In support of the motion to remove the John A. McDonald Statue from Gore Park.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/520466>

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>  
Sent: July 6, 2021 12:56 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - 12:55pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.126.23 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Steve Bunn  
Name of Organization:  
Contact Number:  
Email Address:  
Mailing Address:  
Reason(s) for delegation request:  
As a history professor with Ryerson University and as a resident of the city of Hamilton I would like to request permission to address the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting of July 8th 2021 in order to provide some important historical context that is directly relevant to the city's pending decision on the removal (or not) of the statue of Sir John A. MacDonald in downtown Hamilton. Specifically, I have noted with worry the way in which an argument seems to have emerged that does not contest MacDonald's legacy as an architect of genocide but claims instead that his "great works" as the "father of Canada" should mitigate his genocidal atrocities. In particular, local historian [redacted] has recently used his authority on the subject to make public statements attributing "unbelievable" accomplishments to John A. MacDonald and claiming that he was "a true hero" that "made us all," and for these reasons his statue should remain in Gore Park.  
I would like to contest such claims in the hopes that having a clear understanding of John A. MacDonald's historical legacy will help the Emergency and Community Services Committee avoid making an ill-informed decision on this motion. The "good side" of John A. MacDonald's legacy being disseminated by [redacted] and others is rife with factual errors, errors of interpretation, errors of accuracy and most significantly severe errors of omission. This "history" that [redacted] has stated he is planning to use to "educate" Hamilton City Council is in my professional opinion much more akin to propaganda than education. The binary narrative of a "good" and "bad" John A. MacDonald is not an accurate rendering of our history. I feel it is extremely important for the Emergency and Community

Services Committee to understand this aspect of the debate. Even if we completely ignore MacDonald's genocidal actions, even if we act like they never occurred, the remainder of his legacy – the purported "good side" of his leadership – was in reality nothing of the sort. Canada was born in spite of John A. MacDonald, not because of him. The veneration heaped upon MacDonald is not a product of his actual "accomplishments" but is instead a product of manufactured memory and politically-motivated commemoration left over from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Commemoration and history are two very different things, and it is critical that the Emergency and Community Services Committee understands this difference if they plan on rendering an informed vote on this issue.

A decision to keep Hamilton's John A. MacDonald statue on the basis of our first Prime Minister's "good side" as filtered through the hagiography being offered by [redacted] and others would be a decision based on easily-documented factual error. Any Councillor voting to keep this statue because of John A. MacDonald's "good side" will need to defend this decision before, during and after the next election and beyond, and for this reason also it should be made clear to the Committee that the "good side" argument is historically indefensible.

This is not an attempt to put forth my own opinion on the statue debate. This is an attempt to make sure that the democratic representatives that I voted for to make these difficult decisions are basing those choices on historical fact rather than idiosyncratic fantasy. Thank you very much for your time.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/521491>



**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>  
Sent: July 6, 2021 9:25 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - 9:24pm Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.74.219 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Tristan Maclaurin  
Name of Organization:  
Contact Number:  
Email Address:  
Mailing Address: Hamilton, ON  
Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak to the council regarding the removal of the John A MacDonald statue in Hamilton  
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>  
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To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - 11:50am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.74.179 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Mary Love  
Name of Organization: Extinction Rebellion Hamilton Indigenous Affinity Group  
Contact Number:  
Email Address: extinctionrebellionham@gmail.com  
Mailing Address: Hamilton ON  
Reason(s) for delegation request: We wish to share our screen and show our group's video at the meeting on July 8.  
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/521936>

**Bates, Tamara**

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>  
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To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - 8:01am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.68.170.134 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==  
Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==  
Name of Individual: Rev. Dr. Ian Sloan  
Name of Organization: New Vision United Church  
Contact Number:  
Email Address: revian@newvisionunited.org  
Mailing Address: 24 MAIN ST WEST  
Reason(s) for delegation request: to speak in support of the motion "Removal of the Name Ryerson from the Recreation Centre at 251 Duke Street, Hamilton (Ward 1)"  
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/521776>

**10.3**

**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**Long Term Care**

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Healthy and Safe Communities Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	July 8, 2021
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Golden Horseshoe and Farming Alliance: Serving Up Local II: An Economic Analysis Research Project in Long Term Care (HSC21031) (Ward 7 and Ward 13)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 7 and Ward 13
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Holly Odoardi (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1906
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Paul Johnson General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That Macassa Lodge and Wentworth Lodge participate in an Economic Analysis Research Project Serving Up Local II with the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance (GHFFA) and the University of Guelph to determine the economic impact of offering local food in facilities to improve the nutritional health and well-being of residents; and,
- (b) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute any contract and any ancillary documents required in relation to the research project “Serving Up Local II: An Economic Analysis Research Project in Long Term Care” as further described in this report, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2016, “Serving Up Local” developed a partnership between Durham and Halton Regions, the City of Hamilton and the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance to increase the amount of local foods offered with a focus on public long term care homes.

The Serving Up Local research project identified the purchasing power of public institutions to strengthen Ontario’s agricultural sector and determine the interest of Long

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Term Care Homes (LTC) pursuing or requesting local food offerings. This project was financially supported by the Government of Ontario, in partnership with the Greenbelt Fund.

The City of Hamilton's Long-Term Care Homes have been invited to continue with this work and to participate in the Serving Up Local II: An Economic Analysis research study which is being conducted by the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development and the Department of Food, Agriculture and Research Economics at the University of Guelph. This research study continues to be organized in partnership with the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance and SCC Consulting. This research project would be funded by the Ontario Ministry of Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and administered through the Ontario Agri-food Innovation Alliance. This 3-year research project would continue between the GHFFA and the University of Guelph. Through the work since 2016, it has been identified that municipal partnership is critical and key to this project and with that Peel and Niagara will be participating in this new stage of research.

The purpose of the Serving Up Local II project is to focus on the economic impact on LTC homes of purchasing more local food by auditing and studying the food purchasing data collected from the municipal LTC Homes. The University of Guelph will be requesting a Data Share agreement be completed with the City of Hamilton to be able to review the requisite information as noted above. The researchers will be interviewing staff at both LTC Homes to assist with information gathering related to items which will include:

1. Aggregate home demographics, size and kitchen infrastructure
2. Food contracts and rebates
3. Annual food budgets
4. Food service staff time
5. Meal preparation type
6. Procurement policies around food purchasing
7. Staff training opportunities
8. Change management
9. Purchasing and nutrition management software

As shared by the researchers, the project will:

1. Yield research results intended to assist the province in setting realistic goals for Broader Public Sector local food procurement under the third pillar of the Local Food Act.
2. Provide support, resources and tools that will aid long-term care homes to achieve and surpass set local food purchasing goals within their budgets.

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3. Provide sector-wide policy and procedural recommendations focusing on: food procurement strategies in LTC; alignment with new food quality and nutrition guidelines; and the potential of food purchase tracking to positively influence local and quality food purchasing, based on the success stories of participating research teams.

**Alternatives for Consideration** – Not applicable

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: N/A

Staffing: Staff will be required to work with the research team to participate in interviews spread over three to four sessions approximately one hour in length. In addition, staff will be working with Legal Services Section, Legal and Risk Management Services Division; City Clerk Division; Procurement Section, Financial Services and Taxation Division; and other key stakeholders to review required documents as per the Data Sharing Agreement to meet all contractual requirements.

Legal: Legal is actively involved with consultation for the Data Agreement.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

In 2016, Serving Up Local developed a partnership between Durham and Halton Regions, the City of Hamilton and the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance to increase the amount of local foods offered with a focus on public long term care homes.

In 2018, City Council approved Group Purchasing Services for Food and Related Supplies (Report HSC18026) which recommended that Macassa and Wentworth Lodges continue to increase the proportion of purchases of local food products through the approved suppliers in the Complete Purchasing Services Inc. program.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

None

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Legal Services Section, Legal and Risk Management Services Division, Corporate Services Department was engaged in the review of the report.

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## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Serving Up Local research project was a great success, and now moving forward with the next phase of research, “Serving Up Local II: An Economic Analysis” (SULEA) will continue with the formed partnerships, utilizing the learnings and results of the “Serving Local I project” with a new and highly regarded partner in academic research; the University of Guelph.

The researchers have highlighted those LTC Homes that have adopted local food purchasing and participated in the economic and food purchasing analysis will be the first to have achieved this work across Ontario. The research project intends to provide the Province with evidence based information and recommend that there are established goals and targets developed for local food purchasing with LTC Homes and other broader public sector institutions and to determine, if having a local food purchasing as a priority will enhance compliance with the Ministry of Long Term Care Act and Regulations in LTC Homes.

The goal for residents across our LTC Homes is to provide them with excellent nutrition that they require and legislated through the Ministry of Long Term Care. There have been reports completed by the Ontario Auditor General’s office and that of the Long Term Care Commission that highlights the need for better nutrition and this research may assist to achieve the desired goals. This research certainly complements what we are actively working on and can would value learning lessons from the other Long Term Care Homes that are participating in this research to enhance the lives of our residents.

## **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

None

## **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Healthy and Safe Communities**

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

## **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

N/A