



City of Hamilton

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REVISED

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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1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1. June 17, 2021

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. Correspondence respecting Sir John A. Macdonald Statue

Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 12.1

5.1.a. Due to the volume of letters received, Items 5.1(a) to (wj) have been combined under Item 5.1 (a)

- *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 Damptey, 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

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- 7.1. Residential Care Facility (RCF) Liaison Report 4th Quarter Update (HSC20040(c)) (City Wide)
- 7.2. Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee Report 21-001 - June 22,2021

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1. City of Hamilton Landmarks and Monuments Review (HSC21025/PED21149/PW21038)(City Wide)
- 10.2. Residential Care Facilities (RCF) Liaison Pilot Project - Six Month Extension to December31, 2021 (HSC21027) (City Wide)
- *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)

11. MOTIONS

- 11.1. Removal of Sir John A. MacDonald Statue from Gore Park, Hamilton
- 11.2. Removal of the Name Ryerson from the RecreationCentre at 251 Duke Street, Hamilton (Ward 1)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1. Amendments to the Outstanding Business List
 - 13.1.a. Items Requiring a New Due Date
 - 13.1.a.a. Service Manager Consents for CityHousing Hamilton's Development Reset
 - Item on OBL: 20-I
 - Due Date: June 3, 2021
 - Proposed New Due Date: August 12, 2021

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

15. ADJOURNMENT



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-007

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors N. Nann (Chair), T. Jackson, S. Merulla, and E. Pauls

Regrets: Councillors B. Clark – City Business and T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Integrated Housing System (CS13033(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Pauls/Merulla)

That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, be authorized and directed to enter into, execute and administer all necessary agreements, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, with community housing providers and their staff for their use of the Integrated Housing System software.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

2. Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (HSC19032(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Nann)

(a) That Appendix "A" attached to Report HSC19032(b) respecting Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan be approved;

- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to increase the complement of the General Manager's Office by one full time permanent position Senior Project Manager beginning immediately to support implementation and maintain ongoing oversight of Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and that the annual cost of \$125,000 be funded in 2021 through in year department savings and that the full cost be included in the 2022 Tax Operating Budget; and,
- (c) That any additional requests for funding to support implementation of Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan be referred to future budget processes.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

3. Hamilton Paramedic Service 2020 Annual Report (HSC21018) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Pauls)

That Report HSC21018, respecting Hamilton Paramedic Service 2020 Annual Report (City Wide), be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

4. Emergency Operating Funding for Hamilton Arena Partners (HSC21023) (Ward 6) (Item 10.1)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate, be authorized to provide emergency financial support to Hamilton Arena Partners (HAP) for the operations of the Mohawk 4Ice Centre as a result of facility closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic to an upset limit of \$500,000 in 2021, be funded from any available source jointly deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and the

General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department including, but not limited to, one or more of the following sources: Safe Restart Agreement - Municipal, COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities Program, COVID-19 Emergency Reserve, any other available provincial or federal funding, or in year program and/or department/corporate surplus.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

**5. Macassa Lodge - Redevelopment Project Financing Plan (HSC20050(b))
 (Ward 7) (Item 10.2)**

(Pauls/Jackson)

- (a) That funding for the Macassa Lodge Redevelopment Project, capital budget project # 6302141102, in the amount of \$27.8 M overall, be approved as follows:
- (i) That the following funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) be applied to project #6302141102:
 - (1) One-time funding of \$250,000 from the Planning Grant receivable upon signing the Development Agreement;
 - (2) One-time funding of \$1.03 M Development Grant receivable upon substantial completion; and,
 - (3) Construction Funding Subsidy of approximately \$174,000 per annum funded over the term of the loan, 25 years for a total of \$4.4M which will be applied against the repayment of the internal loan required to fund this capital Project;
 - (ii) That the following funding sources from the City of Hamilton be approved:
 - (1) \$7,270,000 from Development Charges; and,
 - (2) \$19,253,000 (including \$7.4 M interest from internal loan) from the Unallocated Capital Reserve #108020, to be repaid annually over 25-years;

- (b) That an annualized increase of \$896,300 to the Macassa Lodge 2023 Operating Budget be approved related to the annual repayments to the Unallocated Capital Reserve #108020 over a 25-year period;
- (c) That in addition to the signing authority granted in report HSC20050(a), the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate be authorized and directed to negotiate, enter into, execute and amend a Development Agreement and any ancillary documents and any service accountability agreement(s) required for funding on the project with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care or such other party or agency as otherwise required, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (d) In accordance with By-Law 20-205, the City's Procurement Policy, staff be directed to proceed with the competitive procurement processes necessary for the completion of the Macassa Lodge Redevelopment Project and that the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities or his designate be authorized and directed to negotiate, enter into, execute and amend any agreements and documents necessary to award any resulting contracts with vendors, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

6. General Manager's Office Staffing Change (HSC21024) (City Wide) (Item 14.1)

(Jackson/Pauls)

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report HSC21024, General Manager's Office Staffing Change, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report HSC21024, respecting General Manager's Office Staffing Change remain confidential.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

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NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the agenda for the June 17, 2021 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) June 3, 2021 (Item 4.1)

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the Minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 7.7)

(Jackson/Nann)

That the May 7, 2021 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

**(i) Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (HSC19032(b))
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Jackson/Nann)

That the presentation from Grace Mater, Director, Human Services Integration; Jenn Hohol, Senior Project Manager Business & Support Services; Pat Mandy, Board Member, Hamilton Police Services Board of Directors; Kim Ciavarella, Chief Executive Officer, Banyan Community Services; Kojo Dampsey, Executive Director, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(ii) Hamilton Paramedic Service 2020 Annual Report (HSC21018) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Pauls)

That the presentation from Michael Sanderson, Chief, Hamilton Paramedic Service, respecting Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

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YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 3.

(f) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

The Emergency and Community Services Committee determined that it was not necessary to move into Closed Session respecting Item 14.1.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 6.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Pauls/Merulla)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NOT PRESENT NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Nann
Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

- 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(a) to (wj) have been combined as follows:

- (a) Joshua Weresch
- (b) Jackie Levitt
- (c) Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
- (d) Carrie Russell
- (e) Alexandra Weinberger
- (f) Kara Tobin
- (g) Nathan Sager
- (h) Nathan Muir
- (i) Vilma Rossi
- (j) Ronny Agawa
- (k) Robin Laforme
- (l) Brittany Vincze
- (m) Lisa Johnson
- (n) Sherly Kyorkis
- (o) Jessica Li
- (p) Hilary Chambers
- (q) Michelle Poirier
- (r) Steve Maeve, Kate and Maddie Brockbank
- (s) Madison Cameron
- (t) Angela Woodcox
- (u) Andrea Purnell
- (v) Shannon Mitchell
- (w) Annette Paiement
- (x) Layla El-Dakhakhni
- (y) Sara Cormier
- (z) Jessica Bonilla-Dampsey
- (aa) Kate Brown
- (ab) Juanita Parent
- (ac) Kimberly Thompson
- (ad) Andrew Shane Rodgers
- (ae) Morigana Townsend
- (af) Lindi Zamisa
- (ag) Rachael Smith
- (ah) Barbara Burnside
- (ai) Danielle Newton
- (aj) Gary Burnside
- (ak) Cassidy Mitchell
- (al) Refik Saskin
- (am) Maria Cumura
- (an) Emma Donahue
- (ao) Ailidh Gray

(ap) Mars Kruithof
(aq) Todd Bulmer
(ar) Stephanie Brash
(as) Maggie Cockburn
(at) Michaela Turcotte
(au) Leanne White
(av) Adrian Lee
(aw) Luke Porterfield
(ax) Ayeza Tahir
(ay) Adam Blackburn
(az) Chamithi DeSilva
(ba) James Hutton
(bb) Preksha Patel
(bc) Kelly Martin
(bd) Stylo Starr
(be) Samille Elliston
(bf) Genevieve O'Grady
(bg) Theresa Kenney
(bh) Rebecca Hammond
(bi) Josh Black
(bj) Linda Page-Hill
(bk) Caitlin Craven
(bl) Caitlyn de Groot
(bm) Tyler Riches
(bn) Beth Tallach
(bo) Jessica Perks
(bp) Stephanie Vegh
(bq) Glenda Van der Leeuw
(br) Alex Ramsay
(bs) Rhys Baldwin
(bt) Erin Hastings
(bu) Charlotte Francis
(bv) Darryl Gould
(bw) Senem Karaceper
(bx) Adeola Egbeyemi
(by) Danielle Piche
(bz) Ian Walker
(ca) Selena Middleton
(cb) Blake Mccall
(cc) Laura Buchner
(cd) Danni Leduc
(ce) Ariel Bader-Shamai
(cf) Nik Bennett
(cg) Catherine Lopez
(ch) Rowan Miles
(ci) Marika Brown

(cj) Maria Felix Miller
(ck) Matt King
(cl) Em Ratkovsky
(cm) Ryan R
(cn) Kiera Boulton
(co) Tamara Carla Grant
(cp) Andrea Blakey
(cq) Whitney Eames
(cr) Andrea Madsen
(cs) Melissa Samad
(ct) Shellie Zhang
(cu) Krista Hudak
(cv) Billie Neary
(cw) Mouna Bile
(cx) Nikki Wilson
(cy) Hollie Pocsai
(cz) Tanya Cronin
(da) Farrah Dokis
(db) Jessica Chandrachekar
(dc) Becca O'Donnell
(dd) Queen Cee
(de) Sandra Cross
(df) Joe Ollmann
(dg) Michelle Urbanek
(dh) Sierra Robertson
(di) Paige Hastings
(dj) Rosane Milliken
(dk) Matthew Dorrell
(dl) Sam Milliken
(dm) Jiya Chaudhary
(dn) Deanna Rylott
(do) Stephanie Milliken
(dp) Cynthia Ding-Chen
(dq) Andres Miramontes
(dr) Sheila Nobakht
(ds) Leila Gains
(dt) Kelly Palmer
(du) Monika Skarratt
(dv) Nina Gains
(dw) Liz Millar
(dx) Shelby Johnston
(dy) JayLynn Rose
(dz) Erica Bridge
(ea) Dae Daniel
(eb) Montana Mellett
(ec) Hailey Kingsnorth

(ed) Miriam Novick
(ee) Renee Cojocari
(ef) Alison Mackenzie
(eg) Shannon Linton
(eh) Brandon Canning
(ei) Stephanie Scardellato
(ej) Ashley Watson
(ek) Erin Mccann
(el) Andrea Perks
(em) Jackie Johansen
(en) Connor Bennett
(eo) Jesse Wattham
(ep) Jami-Lynn Fick
(eq) Sean Woodley
(er) Elaine Nong
(es) Ameil Joseph
(et) Brandon Davies
(eu) William Davies
(ev) Christine Joseph-Davies
(ew) Alix Mclean
(ex) Vilma Rossi
(ey) Brett Hawley
(ez) Evelyn Ekoko-Kay
(fa) Kathleen Noel
(fb) Noel Ale
(fc) Kaileigh Jones
(fd) Andrea Dyer
(fe) Sophie Jensen
(ff) Janine Brown
(fg) Mikayla Miller
(fh) Alex Jacobs-Blum
(fi) Mel Beauchemin
(fj) Rebecca Katz
(fk) Parsha Shahid
(fl) Sara Jama
(fm) Sam Fawcett-Riis
(fn) Stacy Mitchell
(fo) Jacob Stewart
(fp) Vania Pagnello
(fq) Rebecca Casalino
(fr) Shahzi Bokhari
(fs) Drew Shrubbs
(ft) Dan Jelly
(fu) Thea Haines
(fv) Dan Ashworth
(fw) Luisa Caruso

(fx) Jessica Peterson
(fy) Ben Robinson
(fz) Kandace Devereaux
(ga) Sarah Montana
(gb) Josh Taylor
(gc) Marni Clause
(gd) Chelsea Rolph
(ge) Michelle Robinson
(gf) Kerry Ibe
(gg) Meagan Farnham
(gh) Oliver Smelt
(gi) Jessie Keyte
(gj) Shawn Bines
(gk) Emily Meilleur-Rivers
(gl) Lori Helfenbaum
(gm) Tanya Hussick
(gn) Megan DeMarco
(go) Lauren Middleton
(gp) Jordan Cifani
(gq) Leah Abaza
(gr) Heather Lucier
(gs) Bea Muzi
(gt) Rehoboth Dekamo
(gu) Rose Antone
(gv) Laurel Martin
(gw) Vanessa Ortiz
(gx) Zeahaa Rehman
(gy) Raegan Muir
(gz) Cristina Alt
(ha) Sarah Rodgers
(hb) Jacqueline Cantar
(hc) Alex Gabaldo
(hd) Crystal Garrett
(he) Mary Alice Hanson
(hf) Mark McComb
(hg) Kamilah Swaby
(hh) Marissa Tryon
(hi) Emily Botas
(hj) Rebecca Frerotte
(hk) Cindy Mcmanus
(hl) Alyssa Vanword
(hm) Vanessa Domingues
(hn) Danielle Steenwyck-Rowaan
(ho) Katelyn McLeod
(hp) Stephanie Keegan
(hq) Lori Lafond

(hr) Dustin Jway
(hs) Jennifer Thompson
(ht) Cate Johnson
(hu) Joe Pack
(hv) Robin McDonald
(hw) Larry Wasslen
(hx) Tyler Blackwood
(hy) Gregor Lawson
(hz) Khaoula Bengezi
(ia) Justin Kolberg
(ib) Jessica Montana
(ic) Mary Beer
(id) Ezekai Robinson
(ie) Holly Soulier
(if) Eugenia Zuroski
(ig) Amanda De Freitas
(ih) Tracie Daigle
(ii) Rosmarie Elizabeth Gentles
(ij) CA Klassen
(ik) Ryan McGreal
(il) Sean A. Edington
(im) Nicola Giles
(in) Andrea Lawson
(io) Cat Schick
(ip) Erin Lee
(iq) Dayna Robinson
(ir) Fatemah Shamkhi
(is) John Williams
(it) Cameron Kroetsch
(iu) Jeremy Freiburger
(iv) Ann Given
(iw) Alaa A
(ix) Victoria Fortin
(iy) Miranda Jurilj
(iz) Gillian Bartolucci
(ja) Adrienne Crossman
(jb) Crystle Numan
(jc) Valerie Paulino
(jd) Tee Handley
(je) Paul Bakker
(jf) Carrie Russell
(jg) Colleen Colwell
(jh) Brooklyn Bohach
(ji) Scott Ireland
(jj) Sandy Leyland
(jk) Toby Thain

(jl) Herkyka Miranda
(jm) Adam Blackburn
(jn) Lindsay Gunn-Ouellette
(jo) Izabella Rivkind
(jp) Veronica Ross Mottley
(jq) AP
(jr) Sid Drmay
(js) Steph Clark
(jt) Jess Glegg
(ju) James Horsman
(jv) Elaine Bright
(jw) Natalie Fougere
(jx) Sarah Harvie
(jy) Lauren Morocco
(jz) Amanda Langille
(ka) Skyla Patterson
(kb) Darla Biccum
(kc) Leanne Beaver
(kd) Vincent Kuber
(ke) Julie Noble
(kf) Reem Hamed
(kg) Calee Neudorf
(kh) Dyna Rogers
(ki) Shahd Daoud
(kj) Elizabeth Taylor
(kk) Emily Estee
(kl) Amanda Paweska-Thurston
(km) Alex McGillivray
(kn) Nicole Dunnet
(ko) Ashley Moore
(kp) Aaron Joel Craig
(kq) Jill Sommers
(kr) Aggie Kwiatkowski
(ks) Kathryn January
(kt) Allistar Johnston Dyke
(ku) Christine Brooks-Cappadocia
(kv) Natalie Gonsalves
(kw) Andrea Mirabelli
(kx) Elisabetta Paiano
(ky) Lisa Pype
(kz) Jonathan Kennedy
(la) Matthew Gargula
(lb) Ajit Singh
(lc) Rick Roberts
(ld) Amanada Leonetti
(le) Laura Nemett

(lf) Catherine Silverglen
(lg) Robert Arsenault
(lh) Jannah Minnis
(li) Jessica Linton
(lj) Tanya Collins
(lk) Vanessa RZ
(ll) Jack Ditommaso
(lm) Francis Kerwin McLeister
(ln) Simone D'Angelo
(lo) Alia Khaled
(lp) Cortney Dakin
(lq) Rob Williams
(lr) Derek Gamlem
(ls) Ja'miil Millar
(lt) Adi Hunt
(lu) Mike Chamberlain
(lv) Shannon Towler
(lw) Alison Dinelle
(lx) Peggy Murphy
(ly) Marla Zarate
(lz) Howard Cole
(ma) Shaneece Jeffers
(mb) Claire O'Donnell
(mc) Mara Fabrizio
(md) Carli Neuman
(me) Susan Salah
(mf) Jessica Elves
(mg) Lyndon George
(mh) Noel Laurie-Joice
(mi) Ange Bitwayiki
(mj) Donna Lark
(mk) Elizabeth Kingston
(ml) Corbin McBride
(mm) Luke Bramer
(mn) Brooke Beney
(mo) Imogen Foley
(mp) Melissa Buchner
(mq) Amanda Mallette
(mr) Victoria Clarkson
(ms) Sandra Macdonald
(mt) Nadine Kwissiwa
(mu) Vanessa Henry
(mv) Niamh Cashell
(mw) Gabriel Baribeau
(mx) Devon Wilton
(my) Erica Ames

(mz) Darren Stewart-Jones
(na) Jodie Pickersgill
(nb) Payton Mikrogianakis
(nc) Edan Scime
(nd) Erin Potruff
(ne) Diana Andrews
(nf) Maryam Mahdavi
(ng) Josh Mitchell
(nh) Rachel Arundel
(ni) Diana Kalivoda
(nj) Neil Armstrong
(nk) Ron Jenkins
(nl) Nicole Jessome
(nm) Amy Pitt
(nn) Kelly Lewis
(no) James Case
(np) James Lott
(nq) Clara Rakovac
(nr) Jake Bakker
(ns) Abedar Kamgari
(nt) Alice Smith
(nu) Dr) Gordon Angell
(nv) Elizabeth French
(nw) Tristan Waye
(nx) Janice Nishimoto
(ny) Shawna Dingman
(nz) Sophie Geffros
(oa) Diane Elliott
(ob) Megan George
(oc) James Caldwell
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(og) Jamie Burness
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(oi) Sara Marini
(oj) Riane Leonard
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(om) Kelly Blackwell
(on) Darlene MacNeil
(oo) Sandra Hexy
(op) Alesia McBride
(oq) Eamonn Vallely
(or) Madeleine MacKinnon
(os) Jeniqua Edwards

(ot) Katherine Walker-Jones
(ou) Martina Breit
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(oz) Karen Dick
(pa) Shiann Nias
(pb) Hope Gale
(pc) Brigitte Huard
(pd) Julie Martin
(pe) Jacqueline Smith
(pf) Emily Armstrong
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(ph) Peter Elmer
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Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Letter to Emergency & Community Services Committee

From: Joshua Weresch <
Sent: June 23, 2021 1:55 AM
To: Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>
Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Letter to Emergency & Community Services Committee

To Councillor Nann, Chair, Emergency & Community Services Committee:

Good morning. I hope this finds you well. I, a settler and life-long resident on Anishinaabeg land here in Hamilton, write this letter to you, as chair-person of the city's E&CS committee. I ask that it be placed as publicly-available correspondence on the agenda of the upcoming Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting of 8 July 2021.

I write in regards to Dan Taekema's 20 June 2021 C.B.C. article, "Sir John A. Macdonald statue covered as Indigenous community calls for it to come down," and request that you as chair-person place on the agenda a motion that--despite the report to be received at today's meeting which, as the article states, will not recommend any actions in regards to any land-marks or statuary--due to the report's lack of action, it not be received but be referred back to staff and that the statue of Sir John A. MacDonald situated at Gore Park be removed immediately. Other statues of MacDonald have been removed in other cities, most notably in MacDonald's home-town of Kingston, Ontario, and it's far past time that the symbols and reminders of colonialism's traumas be effaced. We live on stolen land and the land must be returned to Indigenous peoples.

Thank you for your time and attention in these regards. I look forward to your, the city's E&CS committee's, and the city council's actions in favour of anti-colonialist futures for my and all our children.

Kindly,

Joshua Weresch

Pilon, Janet

Subject: J.A. Macdonald sculpture

From: Jackie Levitt

Sent: June 24, 2021 8:32 AM

To: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>

Subject: J.A. Macdonald sculpture

Hello Councillor Farr & Naan!

My name is Jackie Levitt, I'm a ward 2 resident & a HWDSB elementary educator who works with Urban Indigenous children at Prince Of Wales school in ward 3.

I am writing to ask you to follow the lead of Kingston city council & remove the statue of John A MacDonald, the racist politician, from our downtown core.

I have been looking at John A MacDonald quotes about Indigenous people & children.

One example :

"It is readily acknowledged that Indian children lose their natural resistance to illness by habitating so closely in these schools, and that they die at a much higher rate than in their villages. But this alone does not justify a change in the policy of this Department, which is being geared towards the final solution of our Indian Problem." [emphasis added] 1910

(Source: <https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/10-quotes-john-a.-macdonald-made-about-first-nations>)

These quotes are disturbing proof of this country's foundation of genocide.

Statues honouring individuals like JAM send signals to citizens in our community that the values that these Racist people stood for are still valued and upheld today.

We're sending a message to everyone who visits downtown that White Supremacy and anti-Indigenous views are tolerated, welcomed and celebrated here in Hamilton.

Having statues like this in our city is damaging to the Nation to Nation(s) healing that needs to happen.

Take that statue down!

Jackie

she/they

Pilon, Janet

Subject: HCCI in conjunction with Indigenous community partners call upon the City of Hamilton remove the statue of John A. MacDonald from Gore Park immediately

From: Kojo Dampthey <kdampthey@hcci.ca>

Sent: June 24, 2021 10:36 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: HCCI in conjunction with Indigenous community partners call upon the City of Hamilton remove the statue of John A. MacDonald from Gore Park immediately

Dear Mayor & City Councillors,

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The Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, in conjunction with Indigenous community partners, 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.

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and operate within colonial institutions and a society permeated with white supremacy. The time for action is now.

Sincerely,
Kojo Damphey
Executive Director

Sources and Information about Sir John A. MacDonald and Residential Schools

- “When the school is on the [reserve](#), the child lives with its parents, who are savages, and though he may learn to read and write, his habits and training mode of thought are Indian. He is simply a savage who can read and write. It has been strongly impressed upon myself, as head of the Department, that Indian children should be withdrawn as much as possible from the parental influence, and the only way to do that would be to put them in central training industrial schools where they will acquire the habits and modes of thought of white men.” Quote from Sir John A. MacDonald 1879
- MacDonald created the North-West Mounted Police-- the precursor of the RCMP which incarcerates more Indigenous people per capita than any other racial group in Canada. As Métis academic and activist Howard Adams (1975) wrote, "It is not just a coincidence that the Mounted Police were established during the development of Indian reserves to ensure the ‘success’ of the treaty negotiations with the Indians and ‘help’ relocate Indians and halfbreeds to their reserves and colonies...The Mounties were not ambassadors of goodwill or uniformed men sent to protect Indians; they were the colonizer's occupational forces and hence the oppressors of Indians and Métis." _
- “The executions of the Indians ought to convince the Red Man that the White Man governs” (MacDonald, 1885). _
- Indigenous Community Calls for the removal of Sir John A MacDonald statue <https://www.chch.com/protest-calls-for-the-removal-of-the-sir-john-a-macdonald-statue/>
- [Hundreds of bodies reported found in unmarked at former graves at former Saskatchewan residential school](#) - CHCH _
- [Prof. Eva Jewell at the Yellowhead Institute says reconciliation is a tidy word but the actual process isn't necessarily tidy](#) – CBC Ontario _

Kojo Damphey

Executive Director

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Pilon, Janet

Subject: Remove the statue of John A. MacDonald from Gore Park immediately

-----Original Message-----

From: Carrie Russell

Sent: June 24, 2021 2:47 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Paul Bakker

Subject: Remove the statue of John A. MacDonald from Gore Park immediately

June 24, 2021

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

I, Carrie Russell, mourns 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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I, Carrie Russell, in conjunction with our Indigenous community partners, 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.

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Sincerely,

Carrie Russell

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Remove John A. MacDonald Statue now

From: Alexandra

Sent: June 24, 2021 9:20 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Remove John A. MacDonald Statue now

Hi there,

I'm writing to demand the city immediately remove the John A Macdonald statue from Gore park, as well as any other colonizer statues currently up in this city.

As we continue to find the the unmarked graves of children, victims of genocide perpetrated by this country and the Catholic Church, we need to immediately protect our indigenous brothers and sisters from further harm at seeing these statues displayed with prominence and pride.

John A. was an architect of these schools and institutions that continue to steal away indigenous children to this day. He deserves no respect and commemoration.

These statues must come down immediately, and should there be any delay must be covered until they are removed.

Warmly,
Alexandra Weinberger (she/her)
(Ward 3 resident)

5.1 (f)**Pilon, Janet**

Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Kara Tobin**Sent:** June 24, 2021 9:40 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, _____, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery of all MORE THAN 1000 children across Canada.

Sir John A. is a big part of the reason as to why this was even allowed. He should not be glorified. There are so many other beautiful type of monuments that could go in that spot.

It would make so many non-Indigenous and Indigenous people feel "welcomed", crazy how ironic how we don't feel welcome on our own land.

Hamilton might be getting expensive but they can at least remove a statue.

Sincerely,
Kara Tobin

Pilon, Janet

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

From: Nathan Sager

Sent: June 24, 2021 10:00 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Nathan Sager, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and the Cowessess First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery of the remains of over 1,000 children at former residential school sites in British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

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. No place of reasonable accommodation makes an idol out of someone who intentionally 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.

We now see these historical figures for what they truly were. These monuments elevate and celebrate nothing other than the ideals of colonialism, genocide, and white supremacy,.

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.

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Sincerely,

Nathan Sager

Pilon, Janet

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

From: Nathan Muir

Sent: June 24, 2021 5:42 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Sincerely,

Nathan Muir

Pilon, Janet

Subject: For your records

From: Vilma Rossi

Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 1:45 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Removal of John A. MacDonald's statue

Dear Mayor of the City of Hamilton and City Councillors:

Today (Father's Day, June 20, 2021), I attended a vigil in Gore Park at the foot of the statue of John A. MacDonald who is seen by many people - Indigenous and non-Indigenous - as the Father of Genocide against First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. His monstrous words and actions have been well-documented and, yet, he holds a place of high-visibility and "honour" in the middle of Gore Park.

At today's vigil, several Indigenous members spoke to the trauma they experience whenever they are forced to walk beneath this statue. That it has not been removed as requested by many Indigenous and non-Indigenous people is simply dishonourable. Indigenous people, who were and continue to be the targets of historical and ongoing genocidal colonial policies, should not have to ask again that this statue be removed.

Out of a common sense of humanity and decency this statue should be removed without further delay. I am asking that you, as the Mayor and as City Councillors, take immediate action to do so. To refuse to do so and to continue to commence meetings with the Land Acknowledgement makes a mockery of any attempt toward truth-telling, reconciliation and redress for the harms that were caused and continue to be caused to Indigenous people.

I have also included, below, a copy of a Letter to the Editor that was published in the Hamilton Spectator. It articulates my thoughts on the worries that some people have about the "erasure" of history should statues be removed.

Thank you for your attention.

Vilma Rossi
Ward One Resident

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vilma Rossi

Subject: Letter to the Editor

Date: June 15, 2020 at 12:05:57 PM EDT

To: letters@thespec.com

Dear Hamilton Spectator Letters to the Editor:

Regarding: "We should not sanitize our history: Removing Statues", June 13, 2020

I am writing in response to the June 13th *Letter to the Editor* in which the writer frets that removing statues will 'sanitize history'. It is precisely because these statues "sanitize" and whitewash history and its legacy that many people are advocating a variety of ways to address these concerns.

One suggestion is for the statues to be relocated to museums where a more accurate account can be provided; for instance, statues of Canada's first Prime Minister, John A. MacDonald, could be placed next to ones that represent his role in the Chinese Head Tax, the execution of Métis Leader, Louis Riel, and his genocidal policies toward Indigenous peoples. MacDonald's sadistic policies included starving Indigenous people in order to force them onto reserves, draconian pass laws that governed people's movement, criminalization of Indigenous spiritual practices and Canada's infamous Indian Residential School system that decimated families, languages and communities.

Others have advocated for tearing down and destroying statues that honour those who actively participated in racist violence against enslaved, displaced, starved, abused and murdered men, women and children as part of nation-building. It is an egregious sanitization of history to let these statues stand outside of the context of these facts.

If the letter writer is worried about the sanitization of history, I would imagine that they would support rather than denounce the actions to relocate, tear down, dump into the river, smear with fake blood or other creative alterations to these inaccurate representations of Canada's racist and colonialist past. I know I do.

Yours truly,

Vilma Rossi

Pilon, Janet

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

From: Ronny Agawa

Sent: June 24, 2021 5:44 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Ronny Agawa, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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Sincerely,

Ronny Agawa

Pilon, Janet

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From: Robin Laforme

Sent: June 24, 2021 5:51 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Robin LaForme

Pilon, Janet

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

From: Brittany Vincze

Sent: June 24, 2021 5:56 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Lisa Johnson

Sent: June 24, 2021 5:57 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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From: Sherly Kyorkis

Sent: June 24, 2021 6:00 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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From: Jessica Li

Sent: June 24, 2021 5:59 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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From: Hilary Chambers

Sent: June 24, 2021 6:02 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Michelle Poirier**Sent:** June 24, 2021 6:04 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: "Steve, Maeve, Kate, & Maddie Brockbank"

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From: Madison Cameron

Sent: June 24, 2021 6:07 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Angela Woodcox

Sent: June 24, 2021 6:08 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Andrea Purnell

Sent: June 24, 2021 6:15 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Shannon Mitchell

Sent: June 24, 2021 6:17 PM

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From: Annette Paiement

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Pilon, Janet

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From: Layla E

Sent: June 24, 2021 6:31 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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From: Sara Cormier

Sent: June 24, 2021 6:33 PM

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From: "Jessica Bonilla-Dampthey"

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From: Kate Brown

Sent: June 24, 2021 7:01 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Juanita Parent

Sent: June 24, 2021 7:02 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Kimberly Thompson < >
Sent: June 24, 2021 7:07 PM
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From: Andrew Shane Rodgers

Sent: June 24, 2021 7:13 PM

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From: Morigana Townsend

Sent: June 24, 2021 7:16 PM

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From: Lindi Zamisa
Sent: June 24, 2021 7:37 PM
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From: Rachael Smith

Sent: June 24, 2021 8:06 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Danielle Newton

Sent: June 24, 2021 8:57 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Sincerely,

Danielle Newton, Waterdown (stolen land)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Gary Burnside**Sent:** June 24, 2021 8:18 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Cassidy Mitchell

Sent: June 24, 2021 8:22 PM

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From: Refik Saskin

Sent: June 24, 2021 8:25 PM

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From: Maria Cumura

Sent: June 24, 2021 9:30 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Emma Donahue

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From: Ailidh Gray

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From: Mars Kruithof

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From: Todd Bulmer

Sent: June 24, 2021 10:04 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Maggie Cockburn

Sent: June 24, 2021 10:06 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Michaela Turcotte

Sent: June 24, 2021 10:16 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Adrian Lee

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From: Luke Porterfield

Sent: June 24, 2021 10:42 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Ayeza Tahir

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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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From: "Linda Page-Hill" <>

Sent: June 25, 2021 9:55 AM

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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Dear Hamilton Clerk,
Dear City Councillors,

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Sincerely,

Caitlyn de Groot
Hamilton, ON

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Tyler Riches <tylerdriches@gmail.com>**Sent:** June 25, 2021 9:46 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Sincerely,
Tyler Riches

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Beth Tallach <btallach@gmail.com>**Sent:** June 25, 2021 9:45 AM**To:** 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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I, Jessica Perks , mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Sincerely,
Erin Hastings

Bates, Tamara

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

From: Charlotte Francis <>

Sent: June 25, 2021 9:34 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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I, Charlotte Francis _____, 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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Charlotte Francis

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** darryl gould <>**Sent:** June 25, 2021 10:23 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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I, darryl gould _____, 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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darryl gould

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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I, _____ Senem Karaceper _____, 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,
Senem Karaceper

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Adeola Egbeyemi <>**Sent:** June 25, 2021 10:26 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

My name is Adeola and I'm mourning 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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Danielle Piche

Bates, Tamara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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I, ___ Ian Walker _____, 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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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Blake McCall

Bates, Tamara

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Sincerely,
Laura Buchner

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Danni Leduc < >**Sent:** June 25, 2021 10:31 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Danni _____, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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Bates, Tamara

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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:** Rowan Miles <>**Sent:** June 25, 2021 9:26 AM**To:** 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:** Melissa Samad < >**Sent:** June 25, 2021 9:21 AM**To:** 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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Ward 1

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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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:** Andrea Perks < >**Sent:** June 25, 2021 7:57 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Connor Bennett , mourn along with the Niitsítpiis-stahkoi First Nation and all Indigenous families and communities in light of the recent discovery near Regina, Saskatchewan of the remains of 715 children at the former Merieval Indian 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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Jesse Whattam

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** "Jami-Lynn Fick" <>**Sent:** June 25, 2021 7:33 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Elaine Nong

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Subject: FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Alix Maclean < >**Sent:** June 25, 2021 6:29 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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I, Janine Brown along with my family of eight _____, 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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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Bates, Tamara

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Dundas, Ontario

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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From: Josh Taylor < >

Sent: June 25, 2021 11:26 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Bates, Tamara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Meagan Farnham < >

Sent: June 25, 2021 11:40 AM

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I would like to see a statue celebrating Indigenous people/children put up in its place!

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Lori Helfenbaum
Calgary, AB

Bates, Tamara

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Mississauga, Ontario

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Bates, Tamara

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From: CA Klassen <>

Sent: June 25, 2021 1:57 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Dayna Robinson < >

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Subject: FW: Remove the statue of John A. MacDonald from Gore Park immediately

From: Paul Bakker <>

Sent: June 25, 2021 2:59 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Re: Remove the statue of John A. MacDonald from Gore Park immediately

June 25, 2021

Hamilton City Council
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Sandy Leyland <>

Sent: June 25, 2021 3:19 PM

To: 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: A P < >

Sent: June 25, 2021 4:01 PM

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From: Sid Drmay < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 4:21 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Elaine Bright <>

Sent: June 25, 2021 5:30 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Natalie Fougere < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 4:31 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Amanda Langille <>
Sent: June 25, 2021 4:43 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Skyla Patterson < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 4:47 PM
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From: Darla Biccum < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 5:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Leanne Beaver < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 5:08 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Vincent Kuber < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 5:12 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Julie Noble < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 5:22 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Reem Hamed < >
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 25, 2021 5:31 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Elizabeth Taylor <>
Sent: June 25, 2021 5:38 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Emily Estee <e>
Sent: June 25, 2021 5:40 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: "Amanda Paweska-Thurston" < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 5:45 PM
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From: Alex McGillivray < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 5:56 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: nicole dunnet < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 6:12 PM
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From: Ashley Moore < >
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Sent: June 25, 2021 6:22 PM
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Kathryn January

Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 25, 2021 6:39 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 25, 2021 6:51 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Andrea Mirabelli < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 7:07 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Elisabetta Paiano < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 7:10 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Lisa Pype < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 7:10 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 25, 2021 7:35 PM
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From: Tanya Collins < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 7:41 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 25, 2021 7:48 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 25, 2021 7:59 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Alia Khaled <
Sent: June 25, 2021 8:00 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Cortney Dakin < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 8:01 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 25, 2021 8:22 PM

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From: Adi Hunt < >
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Mara Fabrizio

Bates, Tamara

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From: Carli Neuman < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 9:18 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: Susan Salah <susansaleh79@gmail.com>
Sent: June 25, 2021 9:21 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Jessica Elves < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 9:30 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Lyndon George < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 9:32 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Homeowner

Taxpayer
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Bates, Tamara

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From: "Noel Laurie-Joice" < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 9:38 PM
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From: Ange Bitwayiki < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 9:51 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Donna Lark < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:02 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: Elizabeth Kingston < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Corbin McBride < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:07 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Luke Bramer < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:12 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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This is not shocking news as survivors have been telling their truth for many years still unheard as the genocide continues to present inequities for First Nations peoples.

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From: Brooke Beney < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:13 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: imogen foley < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:14 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Melissa Buchner < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:15 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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From: Amanda Mallette < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:21 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Victoria Clarkson < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:26 PM
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From: Sandra Macdonald < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:28 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Nadine Kwissiwá <nakwiss@gmail.com>
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:30 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Vanessa Henry < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:31 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Niamh Cashell < >

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From: Gabriel Baribeau < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:49 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Erica Ames < >
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From: "Darren Stewart-Jones" < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 10:57 PM
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Sent: June 25, 2021 10:59 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Payton Mikrogianakis < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 11:09 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Diana Andrews < >
Sent: June 25, 2021 11:36 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Maryam Mahdavi <>
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:05 AM
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From: Josh Mitchell <j>
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:38 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Rachel Arundel < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:48 AM
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From: Diana Kalivoda < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:04 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 26, 2021 4:12 AM
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Hamilton (Ward 1)

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Sent: June 26, 2021 5:18 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Nicole Jessome < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 6:51 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Kelly Lewis < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 8:34 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Clara Rakovac < >
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From: Jake Bakker < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:01 AM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Abedar Kamgari < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:22 AM
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From: Alice Smith < >

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From: Gordon Angell < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:38 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 26, 2021 9:39 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 26, 2021 9:40 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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tristanwaye99@gmail.com l8s 3y3

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From: Janice Nishimoto < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:42 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Shawna Dingman < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:57 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Diane Elliott < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:01 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Megan George < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:02 AM
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From: James Caldwell < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:03 AM
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From: Christine Russon < >
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Sent: June 26, 2021 10:05 AM
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From: Sara Marini < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:10 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 26, 2021 10:14 AM
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 26, 2021 10:15 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Darlene MacNeil < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:15 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Sandra Hexy < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:17 AM
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From: Alesia McBride < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:20 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Eamonn Vallely < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:27 AM
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From: Madeleine MacKinnon < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:30 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: "Katherine Walker-Jones" < >

Sent: June 26, 2021 10:33 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Martina Breit < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:34 AM
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 26, 2021 10:41 AM
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Sent: June 26, 2021 10:43 AM
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Sincerely,
Summer Thomas

Bates, Tamara

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From: Mark Anderson < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:47 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Sent: June 26, 2021 10:50 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Shiann Nias < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:57 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: hope gale < >

Sent: June 26, 2021 11:04 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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Sincerely,
hope gale

Bates, Tamara

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From: Brigitte Huard < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:07 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Julie Martin < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:08 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Bates, Tamara

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From: Jacqueline Smith < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:09 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Jacqueline Smith, 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. I also mourn with the Cowessess First Nation after the discovery of the 751 unmarked graves at the former Marieval Residential school in Saskatchewan. This represents merely the latest revelations from the violent, deadly, and traumatic colonial past and present of what we now refer to as "Canada". I understand that work will begin on searching the grounds of the Mohawk Institute which is very close to our city.

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Bates, Tamara

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From: Emily Armstrong < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:12 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Emily Armstrong _____, 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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From: Akira Ourique < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:19 AM
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Sent: June 26, 2021 11:20 AM
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From: Cassandra Chamberlain < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:25 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Serena Otshudi < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:43 AM
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: Sophia Greco <
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:05 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Lara Papalia < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:09 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Grace Martin <grace10martin@gmail.com>
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:13 PM
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From: dre hyde < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:21 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Frank Tinebra < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:22 PM
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Sent: June 26, 2021 12:42 PM
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From: Vanessa Eisele < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:20 AM
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From: Victoria Grundy < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 11:32 AM
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From: Aretha Mckenzie <aretha.mckenzie18@gmail.com>

Sent: June 26, 2021 12:48 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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From: Aisha Vernon < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 12:54 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Ashley Devenny < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:10 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Subject: FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

From: Michelle Mclaughlin < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:11 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: Koubra Haggar < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:17 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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From: Alexandera Neuts < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:27 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Emma Carroll < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:28 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Emma Carroll

Bates, Tamara

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From: Nic Wieler < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:30 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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With purpose,
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Lina Mallette < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:30 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Lina Mallette
Hamilton Mountain

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From: Urszula Sitarz < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:44 PM
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From: Stephanie Ross < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:48 PM
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From: Joanna Wilson < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:55 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Laura Palumbo <|>
Sent: June 26, 2021 1:58 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Alexandra Kobylecky < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 2:06 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Heather Lamb < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 2:19 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Andres Felipe Fajardo <>
Sent: June 26, 2021 2:51 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: "Alexa Badal-Badalian" < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 3:08 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Christine Shaw < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 3:24 PM
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Sent: June 26, 2021 3:52 PM
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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Sam Loaker < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 4:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Cassidy Redmond < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 4:19 PM
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From: "Ciarán Galati" <ciarang@me.com>
Sent: June 26, 2021 4:23 PM
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From: Joanna Gale < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 4:36 PM
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Sent: June 26, 2021 4:38 PM
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Sent: June 26, 2021 4:50 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 26, 2021 5:35 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Tiffany Shields < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 5:52 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 26, 2021 5:53 PM
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Sent: June 26, 2021 6:42 PM
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From: Tammy Lintack < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 7:30 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Kimberley Dej < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 7:37 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Emily Hamel < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 7:47 PM
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From: Deann McGlinchey < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 7:48 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Danielle Soucy < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 8:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Leisa Kraszewski <I>
Sent: June 26, 2021 8:12 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Kelsea Swackhammer < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 8:46 PM
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From: Catharina Cronkrite <
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:11 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Arijana Palme < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:12 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Carlin Palme < >

Sent: June 26, 2021 9:13 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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From: Maegan Collins < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:30 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: Jessica Carey < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 9:31 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Sarah Rahman <sfaro1650@gmail.com>
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From: Thea Martell < >
Sent: June 26, 2021 10:33 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Olivia Howard < >
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From: ximena biron ren < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 12:02 AM
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From: Cassandra Dunham <>
Sent: June 27, 2021 12:20 AM
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From: Jessica Cook < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 1:23 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Sarah Flynn < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 2:05 AM
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From: Claire Pinder < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 4:39 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Soma Al Kharusi < >
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Sent: June 27, 2021 7:15 AM
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Bates, Tamara

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

From: Samantha Applewhaite < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 7:28 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: "Deborah Tomlinson-Veit" < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 8:24 AM
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From: Paula Kerlew < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 10:16 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Kristina Zito < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 10:56 AM
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From: Deema Abdel Hafeez < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 11:16 AM
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From: Tim Bissell < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 11:46 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Jennifer Bruce < >

Sent: June 27, 2021 11:58 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Lori Glen < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 12:05 PM
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From: Heather Long < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 12:07 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Katharine Halbach < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 12:40 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 27, 2021 1:18 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Pauline Knoflook < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 1:45 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: noa Barnes <>
Sent: June 27, 2021 2:58 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Eila Thompson < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 3:52 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 27, 2021 4:05 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Sonali Menezes < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 5:26 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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From: Sierra Smith < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 5:39 PM
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From: Erika Green < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 6:21 PM
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From: Elaine Morton < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 8:06 PM
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From: Johnnie Warburton < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 8:13 PM
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From: Sam Rc <>
Sent: June 27, 2021 8:29 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Eric Hoevenaars < >
Sent: June 27, 2021 10:10 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Carleon Hardie <carhardie@msn.com>
Sent: June 27, 2021 11:44 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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From: shannon macaulay < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 7:52 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Matthew LaRose < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 11:38 AM
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From: John Siskos < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 11:40 AM
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From: "Ben O'Neil" <>
Sent: June 28, 2021 11:41 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Anthony Marco < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 11:42 AM
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From: Mark Brett <jmarkbrett68@gmail.com>
Sent: June 28, 2021 11:45 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Liam Stockdale < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 11:49 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Bernie Lee Thompson < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 11:50 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Rachael Henderson < >
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Sent: June 28, 2021 12:00 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Alexandra Weinberger < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: adele liebovitz < >

Sent: June 28, 2021 12:05 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Talia Schatz < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:08 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Allana Mayer < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:09 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Aaron Sakala < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:11 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: robin zee < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:11 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Elizabeth Obermeyer <urbaninfogirl@gmail.com>

Sent: June 28, 2021 12:11 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Paul Vanwalleghem < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:15 PM
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From: "Colin O'Shea" <>
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:19 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Sarah Barnhart < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:22 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Eugenia Maximova < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:23 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Amy Jones < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 12:35 PM
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From: Erica Franklin < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 1:16 PM
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From: Paul Kolb < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 1:24 PM
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Sent: June 28, 2021 1:30 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Sent: June 28, 2021 1:33 PM
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From: Daniella Doyon < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 1:38 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Subject: FW: John A Macdonald statue

From: Debbie Davies <

Sent: June 28, 2021 11:33 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: John A Macdonald statue

I have written to both Nrinder Nann and Tom Jackson about the Macdonald statue in Gore Park and would like to submit it to the city as well.

I would like to write to both of you, as chair and vice chair of the community and emergency services committee, about the status of the statue in Gore Park.

I would like to see it removed immediately, in solidarity with the indigenous in Ontario and Canada. The trauma that generations have faced from residential schools makes it imperative that the statue not stay in our city park.

(Kingston) is Macdonald's home town, and they removed theirs. Hamilton needs to remove ours. Macdonald should not be honoured in our city.

Debbie Davies

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Hamilton

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From: David Mivasair < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 2:07 PM
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Sent: June 28, 2021 2:50 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Sean Roberts < >
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From: Elizabeth Gray < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 3:18 PM
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From: Kate Hand < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 3:28 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 28, 2021 3:34 PM
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From: "Natasha Findlay-clairmont" < >

Sent: June 28, 2021 3:47 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Sent: June 28, 2021 3:53 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Isabelle Shields < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 5:05 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 28, 2021 5:20 PM
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From: Margot Corbin < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 6:05 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Hayley Rohr < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 6:13 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 28, 2021 6:17 PM
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From: Kerry Turcotte < >
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Leslie Falzone < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 7:39 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Eileen Sumonja < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 7:57 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Laura Howden < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 9:29 PM
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From: Cassandra Allen <Cassandra.d.allen@gmail.com>
Sent: June 28, 2021 9:34 PM
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From: Rhonda Moore < >
Sent: June 28, 2021 11:14 PM
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From: Seona Moore < >
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From: Haider Saeed < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 12:06 AM
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From: Amanda Bush < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 12:07 AM
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From: Riley Ferrier < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 12:22 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Mairo Roy

Bates, Tamara

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From: Andrea Lewis < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 12:50 AM
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From: Terence Wallis < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 1:23 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Ingrid Mayrhofer < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 7:22 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: "Kelly C." <>
Sent: June 29, 2021 7:40 AM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Ann Pearce < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 8:00 AM
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Sent: June 29, 2021 8:01 AM
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From: Alina Sajed <alina.sajed@gmail.com>
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To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Carson, Katie
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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
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(wp) Elizabeth Grebetsadik
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(wt) Michelle Heugh-Joseph
(wu) Sean Buchner
(wv) Donna Akrey
(ww) Tanis McArthur
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(aah) Robinson Inkster
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(abr) Anthony Borselino
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(abt) Laura Scott
(abu) Lauren Campbell
(abv) Stephanie Cox
(abw) Kyla Perna
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(aby) Lauren Gimblett
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(adn) Andrea Sandhu
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(ads) Kate Stoneman
(adt) Jacob Playfair
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(adw) Lauren Harnish
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(aeb) Samantha Richarz
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(aem) Nicole Lepine
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(aet) Katherine Boothe
(aeu) Alexa Deluca
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(afa) Jennifer Harasen

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Bates, Tamara

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

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Sent: June 29, 2021 1:07 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 29, 2021 1:10 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Sent: June 29, 2021 1:53 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Cancel Canada Day & Remove SJAM Statue**Sent:** June 29, 2021 2:56 PM**To:** Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>**Cc:** McGlinchey, Deann <>**Subject:** Cancel Canada Day & Remove SJAM Statue

Good Afternoon,

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.

Furthermore, it is absolutely time to remove the statue of Sir John A MacDonald in Gore Park. As a white woman, it makes me ill to think that he is still standing. I can't even begin to imagine the trauma caused to the Indigenous residents of our community.

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

Thank you for your time.

Deann

Bates, Tamara

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From: Michelle Yanes < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 3:26 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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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
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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>

Sent: June 29, 2021 4:31 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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Thank you,
The Hamilton Centre Federal EDA Executive Committee

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Dear Mayor Eisenberger and City Council,

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- The Hamilton Centre federal NDP riding association executive committee



Bates, Tamara

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From: "Katherine Walker-Jones" < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 6:26 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Olivia McCormick < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 7:36 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: "Louise Murray-Leung" < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 9:48 PM
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From: Nadine Wettlaufer < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 10:01 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Danielle Mather < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 10:28 PM
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Sent: June 29, 2021 10:31 PM
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From: Lisa Peart < >
Sent: June 29, 2021 11:23 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Chris Palmer < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 3:10 AM
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Chantelle Pealey

Bates, Tamara

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From: Emma Borsellino < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 8:25 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Emma Borsellino

Bates, Tamara

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

From: Casey Myers < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:19 AM
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: "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,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Janice Vis-Gitzel, 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

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

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

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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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Bates, Tamara

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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,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Trish, 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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From: Fraser Malcolm < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:45 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Nick VanAmstel < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:51 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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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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Bates, Tamara

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From: martin Brown < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 11:56 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: Martin Ajayi < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 12:05 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: Peter Vander Klippe < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 12:43 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Jeanette Eby < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 12:55 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: Kim Selman < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 12:58 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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From: brittany medeiros < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 1:08 PM
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Erin Yusek < >
Sent: June 30, 2021 1:40 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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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
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Sent: June 30, 2021 2:15 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Ishaan Selby <ishaan.selby@gmail.com>
Sent: June 30, 2021 2:29 PM
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From: Kelly Craigen < >
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From: Faye Thomas <>
Sent: June 30, 2021 3:05 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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Sent: June 30, 2021 3:36 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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From: Ian Fox <>

Sent: June 30, 2021 6:30 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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We need to grow as a city and realize that it's time to do the right thing.

Thanks

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Morgan Wedderspoon < >

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Bates, Tamara

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the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation
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Bates, Tamara

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From: Tiffany Silversmith <>

Sent: July 1, 2021 1:24 AM

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: Tess Visser < >

Sent: July 1, 2021 3:29 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Subject: FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** "Mariko Bown-Kai" < >**Sent:** July 1, 2021 8:33 AM**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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Bates, Tamara

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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

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

Bates, Tamara

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

From: Lisa Rostoks <>

Sent: July 1, 2021 9:18 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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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

Cc: Whitehead, Terry <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
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Bates, Tamara

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**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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I, Simone D'Angelo, mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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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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Bates, Tamara

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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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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Bates, Tamara

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Sincerely,

Joanna Aitcheson (she/her)

Ward 3 resident

Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Sydney Macrae <>**Sent:** July 1, 2021 12:31 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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From: Marie Treasa Levasseur < >

Sent: July 1, 2021 12:37 PM

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Hamilton, ON (ward 14)

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Bates, Tamara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Ned Nolan < >

Sent: July 1, 2021 5:01 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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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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From: Rachel Nolan < >

Sent: July 1, 2021 8:53 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

My name is Rachel Nolan. I have already emailed each of you individually. I am adding my voice to the Hamiltonians who are working hard to get you to listen to Indigenous voices. We must remove the statue of John A MacDonald thumbing his nose at Indigenous people and at any work of decolonizing undertaken in this city. And we must do it now.

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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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Judith Charron, a Métis citizen of Hamilton

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From: Joy Mudjar <>

Sent: July 2, 2021 1:20 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Kelly Brouwer <>

Sent: July 2, 2021 9:26 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Adrienne Connelly < >

Sent: July 2, 2021 10:24 AM

To: 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: Kayla Crabtree < >

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Bates, Tamara

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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**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: Deshawna Charland < >

Sent: July 2, 2021 7:07 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Rebecca Potter < >

Sent: July 2, 2021 7:18 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Sarah Armstrong < >

Sent: July 2, 2021 8:37 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Jill Stringer < >

Sent: July 2, 2021 10:27 PM

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Bates, Tamara

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From: Eric Randhawa < >

Sent: July 2, 2021 10:51 PM

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Sincerely,
Anastasia Brockbank

Bates, Tamara

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From: Jean Marchildon < >

Sent: July 2, 2021 11:16 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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Kal Ing
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Bates, Tamara

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From: "Carrie St-Martin" <>

Sent: July 3, 2021 4:16 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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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Bates, Tamara

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

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Fred Eisenberger/Hamilton Councillors,

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From: Ana Olivares <>

Sent: July 3, 2021 10:16 AM

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Mary Lou Tanner

Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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

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Sincerely,
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Bates, Tamara

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**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

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**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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Bates, Tamara

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Stacey Campanella, 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

Subject: FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Beth Marquis < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 11:27 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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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Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Claudia Wong < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 11:31 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

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Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Michael Woodward < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 11:33 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

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

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Bates, Tamara

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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Sincerely,
Jessica Vinluan

Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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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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Bates, Tamara

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Amanda Wright

Bates, Tamara

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

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Madi Fuller

Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Dear Fred Eisenberger/Hamilton Councillors,

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

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

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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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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**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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From: Michael Woodward < >

Sent: July 3, 2021 11:33 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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East Hamilton

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Bates, Tamara

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Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue**From:** Peigh W < >**Sent:** July 3, 2021 1:37 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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Bates, Tamara

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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Vanessa Oliver < >
Sent: July 5, 2021 1:44 PM
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Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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From: Nicholas Kennedy < >

Sent: July 4, 2021 1:59 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Bates, Tamara

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From: Jenna Dexter <>

Sent: July 5, 2021 8:57 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Jessica Jane Bill

Bates, Tamara

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From: Bailey Hamilton < >
Sent: July 5, 2021 2:12 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

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Allison Jack

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From: Michael Oliveira < >

Sent: July 6, 2021 11:22 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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From: Diana Filc < >
Sent: July 6, 2021 10:16 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Bates, Tamara

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July 6, 2021

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Sincerely,



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

Bates, Tamara

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Sincerely,
Artur Filc

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY**From:** Beata Filc < >**Sent:** July 6, 2021 4:16 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Beata Filc , mourn along with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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 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

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 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 _____ 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

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:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/521691>

Bates, Tamara

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

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>
Sent: July 7, 2021 11:50 AM
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

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

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>
Sent: July 7, 2021 8:02 AM
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>



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	July 8, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Residential Care Facility (RCF) Liaison Report 4 th Quarter Update (HSC20040(c)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Rikki Frith (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7604
SUBMITTED BY:	Paul Johnson General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee at its meeting of June 19, 2020 approved the following:

“That Staff be directed to report back on the recommended accountability standards, service levels and process requirements for the various types of complaints that can be addressed by the RCF Liaison position, including details regarding:

- (i) How the facility will be told that there is a complaint and given an opportunity to correct the situation;
- (ii) If the investigation reveals non-compliance, how the facility will be required to correct the situation and ensure future compliance and how the public will be notified; and,
- (iii) How the Complainant will be provided with follow up information regarding the outcome of the investigation.

That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department will report quarterly a summary of the complaints received, and the status of the complaints”.

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**SUBJECT: Residential Care Facility (RCF) Liaison Report 4th Quarter Update
(HSC20040(c)) (City Wide) - Page 2 of 3**

INFORMATION

A one-year temporary Residential Care Facility (RCF) liaison position was created in June 2020 to answer phone calls and emails from RCF residents and/or their families, friends, caregivers, staff, etc. who have serious concerns or complaints about their residential care facility. Concerns may include (but not limited to) facility cleanliness or disrepair, food issues (lack thereof or quality), infestation, abuse or neglect, aggressive residents or lack of supervision, medication control and/or fire hazards. In the early days of this position being created, posters advertising the RCF complaint liaison phone number and email were distributed to all Hamilton-based RCFs for posting in their common areas. Public Health Inspectors have been advised to look for the posters during their routine inspections to ensure they are posted in high-visibility areas. The contact information is also available on the City of Hamilton website.

All complaints received are logged and forwarded on to the appropriate city staff to deal with (i.e. Municipal Law Enforcement (MLE), Public Health, Hamilton Fire Department) or, in some cases (including abuse and neglect), to the Retirement Home Regulatory Authority (RHRA) (www.rhra.ca or 1-855-ASK-RHRA). Where the RHRA might play a role, residents or their advocates are encouraged to call the RHRA directly to connect with someone who can either provide immediate support and recommendations or can begin an official investigation into the facility. If an investigation is warranted, results are posted on the RHRA website approximately 90 days after the investigation is opened.

The following table outlines the contact volume/type of contacts received, including complaint status, in the fourth quarter of this year-long initiative (April-June 2021):

Complainant	Complaint Type	Departments Involved	Outcome
Resident	Concern about sale of RCF and their residence status.	RCF Subsidy	Resolved.
Resident	Concern about masking compliance by owner/operator	Public Health, RHRA	Resolved.
Staff	Multiple concerns around food quality, access to showers, broken elevator, access to recreation, pest infestation	Public Health, RHRA	Resolved.
Agency Worker	Concern about wellness of operator	Public Health, MLE, RCF Subsidy	No issues but will continue to follow-up.

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**SUBJECT: Residential Care Facility (RCF) Liaison Report 4th Quarter Update
(HSC20040(c)) (City Wide) - Page 3 of 3**

Complainant	Complaint Type	Departments Involved	Outcome
Resident	Concerns with aggressive co-residents	Public Health, MLE, RCF Subsidy	Resolved. No charges laid.
Resident	Concerns with food quality/quantity.	Public Health, RHRA	Resolved. No charges laid.
Staff	Broken appliance and pest infestation.	Public Health	Resolved. No charges laid.
Friend	Resident feeling unsafe in RCF	RCF Subsidy, MLE	Ongoing as of June 6, 2021
Resident	Unhappy with RCF Staff Member	RCF Subsidy	Ongoing as of June 6, 2021

Other phone calls and emails received via the RCF Liaison complaint mechanism were not specific to RCF residents and/or caregivers, friends, family, etc. These included neighbour complaints specific to RCF resident behaviours (i.e. drug dealing and use, public urination/defecation, noise/bad language, theft, aggressive panhandling), perceived lack of supervision by operators/RCF home staff, general disorderly conduct within a neighbourhood and the impacts these behaviours have on neighbours' lives and the quality of life of resident peers. These complaints are continuously investigated by Enforcement Officers to ensure compliance and adequate care is being taken by the operators. Neighbours are reminded to contact the Hamilton Police Services for more immediate disturbances. Other phone calls and emails received had nothing to do with RCFs and were redirected as appropriate.

Public Health Inspectors and MLE Enforcement Officers routinely work proactively with operators of these RCFs to address issues related to food/menu planning, adherence to COVID guidelines and regulations and finding solutions to resident complaints. Notices to Comply are followed-up with to ensure compliance. MLE and Public Health staff also track complaints received through their offices and if a pattern emerges, additional steps can be taken (including but not limited to suspension of RCF operator license renewal). In some cases (as noted above) the same complaint comes in via several different contacts (emails and phone calls to various departments, Councillor's office, Customer Contact Centre and RCF liaison). Representatives from the RCF multi-disciplinary team are looking forward to a review of Schedule 20 to address some of the duplicities seen with these concerns. In the meantime, the RCF multi-disciplinary team meets on a regular basis to discuss mutual issues and proactively address concerns and inefficiencies.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A



Hamilton

**WENTWORTH LODGE
HERITAGE TRUST FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT 21-001**

10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Wentworth Lodge

41 South Street West, Dundas

Present: Councillor A. VanderBeek (Chair)
Barbara Sargeant, Resident Member
Halvetta Kelly, Alternate Resident Member
Paul Spinney, Wentworth Lodge Family Council Representative

Regrets: Janet Southall, Dundas Seniors' Club Member – Personal Business

**THE WENTWORTH LODGE HERITAGE TRUST FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
PRESENTS REPORT 21-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund – Financial Status 2021 (HSC21020)
(Ward 13) (Item 10.1) (Attached hereto as Appendix A)**

That the total funds payable from the settlement of the Wentworth Lodge Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC) portfolio in the amount of \$287,977, be reinvested in a GIC portfolio under similar terms as previously at one, two, three, four and five years.

**2. Wentworth Lodge – Enhancements to the Courtyards - 2021 (HSC21021)
(Ward 13) (Item 10.2) (Attached hereto as Appendix B)**

That Report HSC21021, respecting Wentworth Lodge – Enhancements to the Courtyards - 2021 (HSC21021) (Ward 13), be received.

FOR INFORMATION:**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

7. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)**7.1 Resignation/Appointment of Members**

This item is being moved to Communications as

5.1 Correspondence from Lori Moffatt, Administrative Assistant, Wentworth Lodge, respecting Resignation of Mary Welsh as representative from the Family Council

Recommendation: To be received

That the agenda for the June 22, 2021 meeting of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee be approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**(i) November 12, 2019 (Item 4.1)**

That the Minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**(i) Correspondence from Lori Moffatt, Administrative Assistant, Wentworth Lodge, respecting the resignation of Mary Welsh as representative from the Family Council (Added Item 5.1)**

That the correspondence from Lori Moffatt, Administrative Assistant, Wentworth Lodge, respecting the resignation of Mary Welsh as representative from Family Council, be received.

**Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee
REPORT 21-001**

**June 22, 2021
Page 3 of 3**

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

That, there being no further business, the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee be adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor A. VanderBeek
Chair, Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund
Sub-Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Appendix A

To Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee Report 21-001



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Wentworth Lodge

TO:	Chair and Members Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 22, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund - Financial Status - 2021 (HSC21020) (Ward 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 13
PREPARED BY:	Karen Allcroft (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1900
SUBMITTED BY:	Holly Odoardi Senior Administrator, Long Term Care Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

That the total funds payable from the settlement of the Wentworth Lodge Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC) portfolio in the amount of \$287,977, be reinvested in a GIC portfolio under similar terms as previously at one, two, three, four and five years.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund was established to respond to resident needs at Wentworth Lodge that cannot be met through the normal operating and capital budgets. The purpose of this report is to inform committee members of the status of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund.

On February 13, 2013, an investment strategy for the Heritage Trust Fund was approved whereby \$250,000 of the \$436,000 (without interest) was placed in GICs that was consistent with the "Statement of Investment Policy for the Heritage Trust Investment Fund for Wentworth Lodge".

At that time, committee members had also committed \$106,000 towards projects (Wentworth Lodge Courtyard Gazebo and Heart and Home Pet Program), which resulted in \$80,000 remaining in the Trust Fund in addition to the GICs.

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The \$250,000 was invested in GICs in the amounts of \$50,000 over terms of one, two, three, four and five years. The one remaining Fixed Income GIC came due on December 4, 2020, and the average interest was 2.20%. The total funds payable from the settlement of the Wentworth Lodge GIC portfolio was \$287,977.

The total Heritage Trust Funds are \$291,853 which includes the \$3,951 in the operating account and the settlement of Wentworth Lodge GIC portfolio of \$287,977 as outlined in Appendix "A" to Report HSC21020.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not applicable**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: The Wentworth Lodge GIC portfolio came due on December 4, 2020 and was settled in the amount of \$287,977. Staff recommend reinvesting the settlement in a GIC portfolio under similar terms as previously set at one, two, three, four and five years.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

On February 13, 2013, the Investment Strategy for the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund (Report CS13005) was approved.

In 2018, capital payments for the Atrium Courtyard project totalling \$89,766 were used from the available liquid cash from the Heritage Trust Operating Account as approved through Report HSC18009.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Statement of Investment Policy for the Heritage Trust Investment Fund for Wentworth Lodge

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Corporate Services, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy staff have reviewed the report.

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ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Trust Fund is managed, as per the objectives, guidelines and constraints imposed by the Statement of Investment Policy for the Heritage Trust Investment Fund for Wentworth Lodge.

This strategy allows for the preserving of the principal and latitude for the adequate liquidity of some of the Fund.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Economic Prosperity and Growth

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report HSC21020: 2011 to 2020 Wentworth Lodge Heritage Account Activity

Appendix B
to Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee Report 21-001



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 22, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Wentworth Lodge - Enhancements to the Courtyards - 2021 (HSC21021) (Ward 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 13
PREPARED BY:	Karen Allcroft (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1900
SUBMITTED BY:	Holly Odoardi Senior Administrator, Long Term Care Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not applicable

INFORMATION

Through generous support of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund, the main courtyard had significant upgrades completed in 2018. The upgrades included installation of a permanent and large-scale gazebo structure, a decorative fountain and improvements in seating options.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of offering and facilitating safe outdoor recreation and leisure opportunities for residents in Long Term Care (LTC) has been highlighted as an important intervention to minimize risk of infection while addressing overall quality of life.

Despite the recent Lodge's main courtyard upgrades, residents and families have identified several barriers to comfortably and safely use the physical space.

Access and enjoyment of the outside environment has been an area of focus during the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents in LTC Homes across the province suffered and

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languished indoors for most of the 15 months of the pandemic due to prescriptive restrictions set out in various provincial directives with the goal of mitigating risk.

As restrictions are being removed and efforts made to return to more normal activities in LTC Homes, the residents and families at Wentworth Lodge have prioritized enhancements to outdoor space and programming as an area for improvement.

Both the Wentworth Lodge Resident Council and the Wentworth Lodge Family Council have had discussions with Lodge staff regarding further enhancements to outdoor areas for resident use.

Specifically, both Councils, have shared an interest in increasing the availability of shade for outdoor visiting through more permanent or effective equipment such as retractable awnings to provide shade for comfort and minimize exposure to ultraviolet radiation from direct sunlight. This need has been identified for both the main courtyard and for the internal courtyard that is used by residents living on the secure neighbourhood due to their cognitive and behavioural diagnoses.

Residents and their families have also referenced an interest in reducing the lawn in the main courtyard and their interest in creating a series of pollinator gardens. These pollinator gardens would support biodiversity and include native wildflower plants that are perennial. The gardens would also serve as focal points in the outdoor environment and support a variety of recreation and leisure programs for residents. Similarly, the installation of an accessible and multifunction shed in the main courtyard has been suggested as a further enhancement.

Preliminary consultation has occurred between the Manager of Facilities at Wentworth Lodge and the Forestry and Horticulture Section of the Environmental Services Division of the Public Works Department to discuss high level opportunities that may exist to support enhancements in the courtyards.

Wentworth Lodge staff will develop a fulsome plan with the required budget breakdown to enhance the two outdoor courtyards and bring it back to the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee for consideration. The plan will be available for review by August 2021.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division
and
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tourism and Culture Division
and
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Environmental Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	July 8, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	City of Hamilton Landmarks and Monuments Review (HSC21025/PED21149/PW21038) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Shelly Hill (905) 546-2424 Extension 4081 John Summers (905) 546-2424 Extension 1747 Cynthia Graham (905) 546-2424 Extension 2337
SUBMITTED BY:	Grace Mater Director, Human Services Integration Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	
SUBMITTED BY:	Carrie Brooks-Joiner Director, Tourism and Culture Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	
SUBMITTED BY:	Craig Murdoch Director, Environmental Services Division Public Works Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That staff undertake a Historical Review of City of Hamilton owned landmarks, including park and street names, to determine opportunities to honour the Indigenous community in accordance with the Urban Indigenous Strategy action

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item #12 and to contribute to the City of Hamilton's journey towards meaningful Reconciliation;

- (b) That the estimated project budget at an upset limit of \$75,000 to complete the initial historical landmarks review and facilitate the community consultation process, be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046);
- (c) That the single source procurement to Nation FPG Inc., operating as First Peoples Group, pursuant to Procurement Policy 11 – Non-competitive Procurements, for the consultancy work to complete the historical landmarks review and community consultation be approved; and,
- (d) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with next steps and recommendations following the completion of the Historical Review process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy identifies specific actions to be undertaken to ensure Indigenous contributions and experiences are honoured and commemorated. This includes exploring archives and other methods to shed light on untold histories and how Indigenous people and histories are visibly represented in the City of Hamilton, including the context of the residential school system.

There is also growing national and local concern about monuments and representation of historic and cultural spaces that are not inclusive of Indigenous past and present, including the history of colonialism, and residential schools.

The purpose of this report is to inform and seek endorsement from Council to conduct a Historical Review that will identify short and long-term opportunities to address Indigenous and historical landmarks which includes statues and monuments, park and street names across the city.

Depending on the outcome and recommendations of the Historical Review there may be additional costs identified at a later date (e.g. relocation costs, development of interpretive content, providing additional signage to share an inclusive history, renaming and re-signing landmarks, additional landmarks, etc.). These costs will be identified and brought forward to Council following the Historical Review process.

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FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Funding is required to engage a consultant to conduct the Historical Review, facilitate respectful dialogue and help to determine next steps.

The requested budget of \$75,000 is to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046).

Staffing: Participation in this project will be incorporated into existing staff's workplans. Dependent on the results of the initial phase of the Historical Review, additional resourcing needs may be required which will be brought forward to Council at a later date.

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In June 2019, the City of Hamilton released the Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS) which was endorsed by City Council through Report HSC19030. The UIS identifies actions and charts out a path to reconciliation that aims to strengthen the City's relationship with the Indigenous community. The strategy is intended to demonstrate respect for Indigenous knowledge and cultures and promote a better understanding among all residents about Indigenous histories, cultures, experiences and contributions.

As part of the implementation of the strategy, a staff team called the Indigenous Landmarks Working Group was developed in 2020 to provide information and review existing and new landmarks, spaces and markers that reflect the true history and disposition of the Indigenous community. This group will be part of a broader discussion which will include Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and community members who will contribute to deliverables that will include Public Art, Museums, Markers, Heritage and Land, addressing action items # 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22 of the UIS Strategy (<https://www.hamilton.ca/urban-indigenous-strategy>).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

In the Spring of 2015, City Council through GIC Report 15-008 committed to developing an Urban Indigenous Strategy that would identify actions and strengthen the City's relationship with the Indigenous community. This was in response to the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada's Final Report and the calls to action within the municipality's jurisdiction.

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The TRC summary reminds Canadians that “governments, churches, educational institutions, and Canadians from all walks of life are responsible for taking actions on reconciliation in meaningful ways, working collaboratively with Indigenous peoples”.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

As part of the ongoing Urban Indigenous Strategy engagement, preliminary conversations have taken place with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, the UIS Coordinating Circle and the Professional Aboriginal Advocacy Networking Group.

In addition, the following staff groups have been consulted and contributed to the report:

- City Manager’s Office, Communications and Community Initiatives sections
- Senior Leadership Team

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

Like many communities in Canada, there is growing local concern in Hamilton about colonial monuments and representation of historic and cultural spaces that are not inclusive of Indigenous past and present, including the history of colonialism, and residential schools.

The convergence of these concerns, and the implementation of the Urban Indigenous Strategy resulted in preliminary discussions being held between the UIS team and the Mayor’s office in early June 2020. Discussions focused on a proactive approach to addressing the broader movement to address systemic racism and colonialism with City owned landmarks. A cursory review of staff practices suggested that some individual projects had been completed and now there was an opportunity to coordinate a more comprehensive engagement process to address City owned landmarks, histories or education initiatives. This sparked ongoing conversations amongst City staff from the UIS team, Tourism and Culture Division, Environmental Services Division and Community Initiatives Section about how to ensure that the stories and messages of the Indigenous peoples are respectfully, meaningfully, and visibly represented in the public places and cultural institutions of the City. This staff team formed the Indigenous Landmarks Working Group, and this work is part of the implementation of the Urban Indigenous Strategy.

The discussions have also included how the City can support Reconciliation through engagement about Hamilton’s history and cultural representation in ways that are more representative, equitable, diverse and inclusive, that celebrate the history of Indigenous peoples, and reframe how we share the history of the City and the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga’s territories on which it is built.

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In keeping with UIS action item #12 the project will undertake a Historical Review of City owned landmarks, including park and street names, with Indigenous interest in order to identify both short term and long-term opportunities and specific ways to honour the Indigenous community and the City's journey towards meaningful Reconciliation. The work involves:

1. developing a framework on the historical and commemoration of landmarks through a phased in approach with more detailed timelines
2. identifying geographical areas that are of historical and cultural significance to the Indigenous community
3. conducting a historical review based on the identified geographic areas which
 - identifies opportunities to better represent Indigenous contributions and history in City owned landmarks, parks, street names, trails/open spaces and facilities
 - identifies specific landmarks that are triggering in nature towards Indigenous people
 - develops recommendations on how to bring forward the City of Hamilton's true history through an Indigenous lens.

Through the Historical Review, staff will engage with the Indigenous community and the broader community in order to inform short and long-term opportunities to respectfully and meaningfully address both Indigenous and historical landmarks. This may include the addition of new landmarks and/or the moving or removal of, the re-interpretation of, and/or the renaming of landmarks, in order to support a more equitable, balanced, and inclusive representation of Indigenous histories, contributions in Hamilton, the history of colonialism and residential schools, and a spirit of reconciliation.

Staff has prepared initial reference documents including relevant local, national and international articles addressing colonial landmarks.

The proposed recommendation of Report HSC21025/PED21149/PW21038 is to engage an Indigenous consultant as a neutral third party to advise on best practices and conduct the Historical Review. In order to achieve the goals of this project, staff will seek to facilitate the development of a shared understanding of our city's history through ongoing dialogue about the lived experience, history and culture of Indigenous peoples

In order for the consultant to be successful and have credibility with the community, staff are specifically seeking an Indigenous consulting firm with previous experience in landmark and monument reviews and broad community engagement. First Peoples Group is an Indigenous owned and operated consulting firm with past experience completing a historical landmark review for the City of Kingston. They are able to bring forward Indigenous perspectives and history to the project. Staff have reviewed the proposed costing for this work and consider it to be reasonable and good value for the

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level of experience and specific knowledge that First Peoples Group will bring to the project.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Council may decide not to approve the single source of the Nation FPG Inc., operating as First Peoples Group. Staff do not recommend this alternative as research did not identify other Indigenous consultants with the capacity and experience to complete this specific type of review. If the recommendation for single source procurement is not approved, a Request for Proposals will have to be issued which will delay the project significantly.

The financial impacts are comparable to the recommendation of Report HCS21025/PED21149/PW21038. There are no legal implications with this alternative.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**Community Engagement and Participation**

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Built Environment and Infrastructure

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Culture and Diversity

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

10.2

CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
General Manager's Office

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	July 8, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Residential Care Facilities (RCF) Liaison Pilot Project - Six Month Extension to December 31, 2021 (HSC21027) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Rikki Frith (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7604
SUBMITTED BY:	Paul Johnson General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

That the temporary Residential Care Facilities (RCF) Liaison position, approved under a Notice of Motion at the Emergency and Community Services meeting of June 19, 2020, be extended to December 31, 2021 to allow for the completion of an internal RCF program review.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In June 2020, Council approved a motion to assign a temporary RCF Complaint Liaison position within the Healthy and Safe Communities Department to receive complaints, concerns or questions about the services and care provided to residents in Hamilton's licensed RCFs. This position was to be in place until June 30, 2021 or such time as Council decided on a more permanent structure for this role based on the RCF modernization project and the Outstanding Business List item regarding the RCF tenant advocate role. Due to staff redeployment to various pandemic-related supports and increased workloads for staff dealing with emerging issues related to the pandemic, the RCF modernization project and review of related supports has not occurred. Staff are hoping that as the city emerges from the pandemic pressures, this review will be able to be given the proper resources required to make appropriate recommendations.

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Alternatives for Consideration – Not applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: This position has been filled with an existing FTE under a redeployed capacity.

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

At the June 19, 2020 Emergency and Community Services Committee Meeting, a Motion was approved which outlined the duration, expectations, and anticipated outcomes of the temporary RCF Liaison position. As we have reached the end of the one-year pilot, this report seeks a six-month extension of the temporary RCF Liaison role.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Public Health Services, Municipal Licensing Enforcement, Housing Services Division have been consulted and support the recommendation of this report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Although the intent is to consider this RCF Liaison role under a more permanent structure via the RCF modernization project and a necessary Schedule 20 review, the pandemic necessitated the use of available staffing resources that could undertake this review. With this six-month extension the hope is that a review can get underway that will determine where best to place this RCF Liaison role. The temporary role will continue to be supported within an existing FTE under a redeployed capacity.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None

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ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None

10.3

CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Long Term Care

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

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

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee: July 8, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. Nann

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Removal of Sir John A. MacDonald Statue from Gore Park, Hamilton

WHEREAS, in 1879 Sir John A. MacDonald said “When the school is on the reserve, the child lives with its parents, who are savages, and though he may learn to read and write, his habits and training mode of thought are Indian. He is simply a savage who can read and write. It has been strongly impressed upon myself, as head of the Department, that Indian children should be withdrawn as much as possible from the parental influence, and the only way to do that would be to put them in central training industrial schools where they will acquire the habits and modes of thought of white men”;

WHEREAS, the atrocities of the residential school system were described by the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) as “a systematic, government-sponsored attempt to destroy [Indigenous] cultures and languages and to assimilate [Indigenous] peoples so that they no longer existed as distinct peoples”;

WHEREAS, Indigenous residents across Hamilton have been in profound grief since the unmarked graves of 215 Indigenous children were confirmed at the Kamloops Residential School, 751 more at Marieval Residential School in Saskatchewan, now exceeding a thousand and counting;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton City Council committed to having “a trusting relationship with Indigenous communities where we communicate and work together appropriately to address the unique needs and issues of Indigenous people” through the adoption of the Urban Indigenous Strategy in July 2019 and the endorsement of the Urban Indigenous Strategy Implementation Plan on February 4, 2021;

WHEREAS, in adopting Urban Indigenous Strategy, Hamilton City Council committed to act in alignment with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations;

WHEREAS, Hamilton is falling behind the example set by other city councils, in Ontario and nationwide, starting in 2018, that have already removed statues of Sir John A.

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MacDonald from public spaces, including Victoria, Wilmont, Regina, Charlottetown, Picton and Kingston;

WHEREAS, over 17,000 people identify as Indigenous in the City of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, over several years, survivors of residential schools, Indigenous elders and families, members of the Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee, participants of the Urban Indigenous Strategy consultations, and hundreds more in the form of public demonstrations have clearly communicated to the City of Hamilton about the need to remove the Sir John A. MacDonald statue from Gore Park in order to facilitate healing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to immediately remove the statue of Sir John A. MacDonald from City of Hamilton owned lands known as Gore Park and place it in storage; and
- (b) That the cost for removal and storage be covered through the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account.

12.2

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee: July 8, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. Nann

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Removal of the Name Ryerson from the Recreation Centre at 251 Duke Street, Hamilton (Ward 1)

WHEREAS the May 2006 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement saw parties to the Agreement, including Canada and the churches responsible for the operations of the schools, formally acknowledge that “Canada and certain religious organizations operated Indian Residential Schools for the education of aboriginal children and certain harms and abuses were committed against those children”;

WHEREAS on June 11, 2008 then Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued a formal Statement of Apology on behalf of Canada to students of Indian residential schools, their families, and communities;

WHEREAS the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) concluded that Residential Schools were “a systematic, government-sponsored attempt to destroy Aboriginal cultures and languages and to assimilate Aboriginal peoples so that they no longer existed as distinct peoples.” The TRC characterized this intent as “cultural genocide”;

WHEREAS Egerton Ryerson held the position of Chief Superintendent of Education in Upper Canada from 1844 to 1876;

WHEREAS Egerton Ryerson advocated for the creation of the residential school system for Indigenous children when asked by the Department of Indian Affairs for his suggestions on “Industrial Schools for the benefit of the aboriginal Indian tribes”;

WHEREAS in this report Ryerson stated that for Indigenous Peoples “nothing can be done to improve and elevate his character and condition without the aid of religious feeling. This information must be superadded to all others to make the Indian a sober and industrious man”;

WHEREAS Ryerson reasoned that White and Indigenous children required different education because “It is a fact established by numerous experiments, that the North American Indian cannot be civilized or preserved in a state of civilization (including habits of industry and sobriety) except in connection with, if not by the influence of, not only religious instruction and sentiment but of religious feelings”;

WHEREAS Ryerson’s report formed the blueprint of what would become the Indian Residential School System, including his recommendations that it be administered by religious institutions and that the majority of the children’s time would be spent in labour rather than instruction;

WHEREAS authorities would frequently take children to schools far from their home communities as part of a strategy to alienate them from their families, language, culture and familiar surroundings;

WHEREAS abuse at the schools was widespread: emotional and psychological abuse was constant, physical abuse was meted out as punishment, and sexual abuse was also common. Survivors recall being beaten and strapped; some students were shackled to their beds; some had needles shoved in their tongues for speaking their native languages;

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission final report provided conservative estimates that between 4,000 and 6,000 children died in the residential schools, causes of death including physical abuse, malnutrition, disease, neglect, suicide, or trying to escape;

WHEREAS the last of Canada’s residential schools closed in 1996, impacting several generations of Indigenous Peoples who share in the intergenerational effects of transmitted personal trauma and loss of language, culture, traditional teachings, and mental/spiritual wellbeing;

WHEREAS in addition to his role in the establishment of Residential Schools, Ryerson opposed the education of girls beyond elementary school, and supported racially segregated education, drafting legislation allowing for the creation of racially segregated schools that lasted in Ontario until 1965;

WHEREAS the city of Hamilton owns and operates a recreation centre that is adjoined to a public elementary school sharing the name Ryerson;

WHEREAS the city of Hamilton formally states that it is committed to creating and nurturing a city that is welcoming and inclusive where equity seeking communities will feel safe, supported and have an enhanced sense of belonging;

WHEREAS keeping the name Ryerson on the municipal recreation centre is inconsistent with the values set out in the city's vision and strategic priorities; and

WHEREAS at the June 6, 2021 meeting of the HWDSB the following motion was unanimously passed: "That In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, that an Indigenous process that is both locally relevant and responsive be struck to rename Ryerson Elementary school, through ethical engagement and in consultation with local Indigenous communities and key beneficiaries and stakeholders."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton take all necessary steps, administrative and physical, to immediately remove the name Ryerson from the municipal recreation centre located at 251 Duke Street, Hamilton, Ontario;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton work in tandem with the HWDSB in the renaming of the elementary school/municipal recreation centre;
- (c) That the recommended name be submitted to the City's Facility Naming Sub-Committee for review and approval;
- (d) That the City's Tax Stabilization Reserve be used to fund this action; and
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.