



City of Hamilton

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 22-007

Date: May 5, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

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Tamara Bates, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 4102

5. COMMUNICATIONS

*5.1. Removal of Sir John A. Macdonald Statue

Recommendation: To be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.1.

*5.1.a. Lisa-Marie Johnston

*5.1.b. Sara Brown

*5.1.c. Marysabel Gabriel

*5.1.d. Matthew Ing

*5.1.e. Pascale Marchand

*5.1.f. Laura Huh

*5.1.g. Kaitlyn Tolch

- *5.1.h. Destiny Pitters
 - *5.1.i. Christine Hudspeth
 - *5.1.j. Kurt Dunn
 - *5.1.k. Briar Hopley
- *5.2. Joshua Weresch, Correspondence respecting re-installation of John A. Macdonald Statue

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6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.2. Miguel Avila Velarde, Toronto CopWatch, respecting proposal to re-erect a statue of Genocide again in Hamilton (for today's meeting)
- *6.3. Lyndon George, Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, respecting landmarks and monuments review (for today's meeting)

5.1(a)

From: "Lisa-marie Johnston"

Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 5:36 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Lisa-marie Johnston

5.1(b)

From: Sara Brown

Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 9:52 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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Sincerely,

Sara Brown

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5.1(c)

From: Marysabel Gabriel
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 7:55 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Remove Gore Park Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald IMMEDIATELY

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Marysabel Gabriel _____, 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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Marysabel Gabriel

5.1(d)

From: Matthew Ing

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 10:36 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Matthew Ing

5.1(e)

From: Pascale Marchand
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 11:08 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Calling on Hamilton's Mayor & Councillors to Remove SJAM Statue

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

I, Pascale Marchand, 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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Pascale Marchand

5.1(f)

From: Laura Huh

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 1:01 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,

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Laura Huh

5.1(g)

From: Kaitlyn Tolch

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 1:58 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

Dear City Councillors,

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Kaitlyn Tolch

5.1(h)

From: Destiny Pitters

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 3:26 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Dear Hamilton Clerk,

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Sincerely,

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5.1(j)

From: Kurt Dunn

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 3:47 PM

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Sincerely,

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5.1(k)

From: Briar Hopley

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 4:15 PM

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Sincerely,

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Briar Hopley

To the members of the city's Emergency and Committee Services' committee:

Hope this finds you well. I write to you as a father of four children, as a Christian, a home-owner in Ward 8, and a life-long German settler in Hamilton, Ontario on lands governed by the Between the Lakes Purchase No. 3 Treaty of 1792.

I am writing in regards to the mayor's remarks at an event on Friday, April 29, dominated by his hopes for tougher anti-hate legislation within the city, hopes which were occasioned by the sighting of a Confederate flag flying from a home in Binbrook. After that event, he continued, expressing his hope that the statue of John A. MacDonald be erected again, along with a plaque including his role in the creation and maintenance of centres of oppression and cultural genocide, mistakenly termed 'residential schools'. As quoted in [redacted]'s 29 April 2022 article, Hamilton mayor wants John A. Macdonald statue reinstalled with residential school context, on the C. B. C. Hamilton website, I wish to re-state, with the First Peoples' Group, 'Re-installation of the statue now would be a step in the wrong direction. Clearing the site (placing all remaining components in storage indefinitely) would allow for future community engagement to happen in a good way'; and, to amplify [redacted]'s words, 'The people of Hamilton, the Indigenous community of Hamilton, and the lands that Hamilton sits on deserve far better than this'. I cannot state it better and more clearly than the First Peoples' Group and [redacted] have already done and I would urge you, as members of this committee who have been given authority, to heed their words, to adopt the review, and to continue to move forward listening to, and then acting on what you have heard from, Indigenous communities in Hamilton.

Thank you for your time and attention in these regards.

Respectfully,

Joshua Weresch

Bates, Tamara

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

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

From: City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada via City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 11:46 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Saturday, April 30, 2022 - 11:45am Submitted by anonymous user: 108.162.241.117 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

Will you be delegating in person or virtually? Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video? No

==Requestor Information==

Name of Organization (if applicable): Toronto CopWatch

Name of Individual: Miguel Avila Velarde

Preferred Pronoun: he-him

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Toronto Ontario

Reason(s) for delegation request: Speaking on item concerning Mayor Fred Eisenberg proposal to re erect a statue of Genocide again 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/595796>

Bates, Tamara

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

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From: City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada via City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 11:53 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - 11:53am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.134.13 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

Will you be delegating in person or virtually? Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video? No

==Requestor Information==

Name of Organization (if applicable): Hamilton Anti-Racism
Resource Centre

Name of Individual: Lyndon George

Preferred Pronoun: He/him

Contact Number:

Email Address: lyndon@harrc.ca

Mailing Address:

1 James Street North

McMaster Continuing education centre Room 106

Hamilton, ON, L8R 2k3

Reason(s) for delegation request: Regarding landmarks and
monuments review

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/601366>