

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Council: January 24, 2018

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **Recognition of January 29<sup>th</sup> as a Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia**

WHEREAS, on Sunday, January 29, 2017, a gunman at the Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec in Quebec City, shot and killed Ibrahima Barry, Azzedine Soufiane, Aboubaker Thabti, Abdelkrim Hassane, Mamadou Tanou Barry, and Khaled Belkacemil, and injured 19 others;

WHEREAS, Islamophobia negatively impacts community members' sense of safety and wellbeing, and belonging;

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2016, there was an attempted fire bomb at the Ibrahim Jame Mosque; also marring Hamilton with Islamophobia and hatred;

WHEREAS, communities in Hamilton, Toronto, and Quebec City are organizing commemorative vigils on January 29<sup>th</sup> to remember the tragedy that occurred at the Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec in Quebec City;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That January 29<sup>th</sup> be recognized as the Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia;
- (b) That Hamilton City Council re-affirm their strong opposition to Islamophobia, like all other forms of racism, hate, xenophobia, and bigotry; and,
- (c) That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, correspond with the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; and, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, to request that the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario designate January 29<sup>th</sup> as the Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia.