



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre pilot program paused, partners seek community input to revitalize service**

**HAMILTON, ON** – The Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre (HARRC), a pilot project involving the City of Hamilton, McMaster University, and the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion is being temporarily paused for a period of up to 12 months to allow the partners to review and renew plans to achieve its envisioned goals.

HARRC was launched on April 4th, 2018 as a pilot project to gather information regarding racism related issues occurring in Hamilton, in order to better inform Council on community issues and concerns so that it may strive to eliminate racism and racism related issues in our City.

The City of Hamilton and its partners recognize the importance of building and ensuring a diverse, respectful and inclusive community as a foundational priority for our community. The City of Hamilton, HCCI, and McMaster University support this as the most effective approach for the partners to continue to work together to develop plans to enhance services for Hamilton residents moving forward.

Community outreach and consultation activities will be shared soon.

Citizens who require assistance during the temporary pause can contact:

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