



To: The Regional Municipality of Halton
The City of Burlington
The Town of Halton Hills
The Town of Milton
The Town of Oakville
Canadian Police Boards

From: Rob Burton, Chair, Halton Police Board

Date: October 30, 2020

Re: International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Antisemitism

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

On June 25, 2019, the Hon. Pablo Rodriguez, PC, MP, then-Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism, announced that the Government of Canada would adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism as part of *Building a Foundation for Change: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2019–2022*.

The IHRA's definition, explained further at its website <https://www.cija.ca/ihra/>, is as follows:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

Accordingly, at its meeting of October 29, 2020, the Halton Police Board adopted the following resolution:

THAT the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism as adopted by the Parliament of Canada be endorsed by the Halton Police Board, and;

THAT the Board Chair write a letter to the Councils of the Regional Municipality of Halton, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the

Town of Oakville and all Police Boards in Canada encouraging them to endorse the IHRA definition.

I invite you to consider adopting a similar resolution at your respective Councils and Boards in order to demonstrate support for Canada's Jewish Community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Burton', written in a cursive style.

Rob Burton
Chair, Halton Police Board