

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: August 13, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

Support for the NCCM Recommendations brought forward by the National Council of Canadian Muslims

WHEREAS, as a local response to the requests from the City of Hamilton's Muslim leaders respecting the municipal portion of the NCCM Recommendations brought forward by the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) released July 19, 2021 and attached as Appendix A to this motion;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Muslim leaders are requesting endorsement and commitments to several of the recommendations within NCCM Recommendations;

WHEREAS, there is city-wide concern after the Islamophobic attack, in the City of Hamilton, allegedly by a Cambridge man, on the wife and daughter of Imam, Kamal Gurgi of our cherished downtown mosque;

WHEREAS, the National Council of Canadian Muslims has called a National Summit on Islamophobia taking place on Thursday, July 22, 2021, which is designed to engage all levels of government to take action on dismantling Islamophobia; and

WHEREAS, in order to reassure the National Council of Canadian Muslims that City of Hamilton is in support of the NCCM Recommendations at the municipal level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Director of By-Law Enforcement be directed to report back to Planning Committee on options to create a by-law(s) to undertake NCCM Recommendation 55:

55. Pass municipal street harassment bylaws that are proportional and constitutional such as the approach now being adopted in Edmonton after the NCCM initiative. Bylaws should also address clearly hateful verbal assaults and give authorities the ability to ticket and fine when necessary.

- (b) That the Director of Government Relations and Community Engagement be directed to meet with local leaders of the National Council of Canadian Muslims and report back to the General Issues Committee on a plan that celebrates the

history of local Muslims and assists in directing these leaders to existing programs, such as the City Enrichment Fund, to undertake NCCM Recommendation 59:

- 59. Invest in celebrating the history of local Canadian Muslims and initiatives through a concrete program that brings these figures and names to the forefront of local-level recognition. Municipalities should fund events and spaces where their accomplishments are celebrated in a way that clearly shows that Muslims have made real contributions to Canadian society and are far from the violent caricatures that constantly make the news.
- (c) That the Director of Government Relations and Community Engagement be directed to work with local leaders of the National Council of Canadian Muslims to determine what dedicated local funding may be required to fulfil community-based anti-Islamophobia initiatives and report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee, to undertake NCCM Recommendation 56:
- 56. Municipalities provide dedicated funding for local community-based anti-Islamophobia initiatives.
- (d) That the Director of Government Relations and Community Engagement be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on local anti-Islamophobic public awareness campaigns and options respecting a potential program(s) for training young Muslim leaders for the future, to undertake NCCM Recommendations 58 and 61:
- 58. Municipalities dedicate specific funding for anti-Islamophobia public awareness campaigns.
 - 61. Develop models for training young Muslim leaders for the future such as Youth Fellowship program in Toronto.
- (e) That NCCM Recommendation 60, be referred to the Hamilton Police Services Board for consideration:
- 60. Redirect funding towards alternative measures to policing in municipal budgets.