

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: January 19, 2022

MOVED BY MAYOR F. EISENBERGER.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Support of legal challenge to Bill 21 in the Province of Quebec - REVISED

WHEREAS Fatemah Anvari recently lost her position as teacher in the Province of Quebec for being found to be wearing a hijab in class;

WHEREAS under Quebec’s Bill 21 frontline civil servants who display religious symbols while working can be fired or reassigned;

WHEREAS it is noted that Bill 21 violates the basic principles of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

WHEREAS this is a clear demonstration of Islamophobia and poses a threat to the freedoms of many within the Province of Quebec;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton stand in solidarity recognizing that Bill 21 is discriminatory and does not uphold equality of all citizens, regardless of their religious affiliation, as protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and
- (b) That the City of Hamilton endorse the effort by Ontario’s Big City Mayors (OBCM) asking the Parliament of Canada, (both government and opposition), to support the challenge of Bill 21 at the Supreme Court.