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**Subject:** Concerns about Dr. Jordan Peterson coming to FirstOntario Centre

Hi Kim,

I've reached out to numerous city councillors as well as Fred Eisenberger regarding my concerns, but wanted to make sure that the Women & Gender Equity Committee is aware of this upcoming event.

FirstOntario Centre will be hosting a book tour for Dr. Jordan Peterson on May 31. In case you are unaware, Jordan Peterson is transphobic, a misogynist, climate-change denier, and expounds pseudoscience, hate, bigotry and misinformation. Allowing this man a platform in our city will be harmful to the marginalized communities we have worked so hard to listen to, learn from, and heal with.

Jordan Peterson's rhetoric is harmful, hurtful, and divisive. Allowing him a platform would be irresponsible and chaotic.

From the City's own Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Handbook:

“Inclusion is the act of creating environments in which any individual or group can feel welcomed, valued, respected, supported and can fully participate. An inclusive and welcoming climate embraces differences and offers respect in words and actions for all people”

Would trans people, women, people of colour, feel welcome, valued and respected in that type of environment? I really don't believe so.

I am not sure what can be done, if anything. However, I do want the city to be aware of the implications and the type of fan base that Jordan Peterson attracts.

Thanks,

Jayne