

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: May 11, 2022

MOVED BY MAYOR F. EISENBERGER.....

Banning Hate Symbols

WHEREAS, Council voted to ban expressions and symbols associated with hate from public property within the City's jurisdiction August 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, Council at its meeting of June 23rd, 2021 endorsed Private Member's Bill C-313 *Banning Symbols of Hate Act*.

WHEREAS, the 43rd Parliament was dissolved on August 15th, 2021, bringing to an end all proceedings and bills before Parliament.

WHEREAS, Bill C-229 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (banning symbols of hate) was introduced for First Reading on February 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, hateful symbols cause community and individual harm.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council endorse Bill C-229, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (banning symbols of hate).
- (b) That Council requests the federal and provincial governments act swiftly to take action to ban symbols of hate.
- (c) That the Federal Government develop legislation that would clarify and strengthen the definition of hate speech and symbols; and work with all orders of government in addressing the root causes of hate speech; and
- (d) That the Provincial Government enact legislation to enable municipalities to make enforceable decisions regarding symbols deemed unacceptable by the local community; including a review of statutes where hate speech may be identified as illegal.