

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Emergency & Community Services Committee: May 18, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Development of a Policy for the Use of Indigenous Images and Themes in City of Hamilton Facilities

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is situated on the traditional territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas, and that this land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes, and that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to having a trusting relationship with Indigenous communities where we communicate and work together appropriately to address the unique needs and issues of Indigenous people;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy identified the need to do more to visually represent the historic and continuing presence of Indigenous peoples and recognized that Indigenous cultures and traditions need to be respected and seen as more than a performance;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy, Indigenous people, inclusive of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, must be involved in decision-making in municipal activities that affect them, and that consultation with urban Indigenous people and communities must be meaningful;

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2019, the Mayor of the City of Hamilton received correspondence from the Ontario Human Rights Commission through Chief Commissioner Renu Mandhane regarding a settlement reached in an Application before the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario involving the City of Mississauga, and as a result of the settlement, the Ontario Human Rights Commission wrote to all Ontario municipalities to encourage them to collaborate with local Indigenous communities to

develop a policy on the use of Indigenous themed logos and names within their sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved the Use of Indigenous Images/Themes in City Sports & Recreation Facilities Policy on January 24, 2024, but that a similar policy does not exist for all indoor and outdoor facilities under the jurisdiction of the City of Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee by the end of Q2 2024, with a culturally appropriate policy for the use of Indigenous images and themes in indoor and outdoor facilities under the jurisdiction of the City of Hamilton;
- (b) That staff engage in meaningful consultation with the local Indigenous community to inform the development of this policy.