



October 9, 2024

Via Email – mayor@hamilton.ca

Office of the Mayor
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Horwath and Office of Indigenous Relations:

Thank you for meeting with UFCW Canada on September 11, 2024.

Given the importance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to Canadians, including your constituents, we are deeply passionate about advancing this change. We are excited to work together in the next steps for this monumental opportunity in making the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation a real opportunity for reconciliation and healing.

Given that the Town of Caledon, City of Brampton, Town of Burlington, City of Mississauga, Town of Oakville and the Region of Peel all recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a public holiday it is imperative that the City of Hamilton enhances its commitment in this regard.

Thank you for your communication with Emmanuelle regarding The City of Hamilton moving to make the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation a municipal holiday.

We understand the City of Hamilton will be doing a comprehensive overview of Indigenous relations in Hamilton and will share further developments this month.

Again, we are happy to support the city in making this monumental step in reconciliation a reality. Do accept this correspondence as a letter of support for the establishment of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory day within the City of Hamilton.

Should you have any further questions regarding our Indigenous advocacy work please contact, UFCW Canada Human Rights, Equity and Diversity Coordinator, Emmanuelle Lopez at emmanuelle.lopez@ufcw.ca.

Sincerely,

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