TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.23	ACTION			Ward: All
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Addressing anti-Semitism through the Toronto for All antiracism strategy - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

- * Notice of this Motion has been given.
- * This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief People Officer and the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to report to the March 30, 2021 meeting of the Executive Committee on a plan to include fighting anti-Semitism in all future work implemented as part of the Toronto For All campaign.

Summary

Toronto For All is a City of Toronto "public education initiative to generate dialogue among Toronto residents in order to create a city that says "no" to all forms of discrimination and racism, including systemic racism." Fighting anti-Semitism is not currently listed as an objective of this program.

According to the Toronto Police Service – Hate Crime Unit Annual Hate Crime Statistical Report in 2019, the Jewish community was the most frequently victimized group. The three most frequently reported criminal offences motivated by hate in 2019 were mischief to property, assault and utter threats. The Jewish community was the most frequently victimized group for mischief to property and utter threat occurrences. The LGBTQ community, followed by the Black community were the most frequently victimized group for assault occurrences.

Background Information (City Council)

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(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-162947.pdf)