

## Attachment 2:

### Keeping Toronto Safe from Hate Action Plan – Update on Key Actions

As directed by City Council, the City Manager submitted the *Keeping Toronto Safe from Hate Action Plan* (Action Plan) to the Toronto Police Service Board, which was received for information at the [October 8, 2024 board meeting](#). The Action Plan was also shared with Members of Council and the City's Corporate Leadership Team.

To support the well-being and safety of all, the City is taking proactive actions and leveraging tools within the City's jurisdiction, capacity and resources to keep Toronto safe from hate. The Action Plan outlines key actions and responses the City is advancing under six pillars of activity:

1. Infrastructure
2. Legislation
3. Community Safety and Funding
4. Public Education and Awareness
5. Incident Management and Response
6. City-Toronto Police Service Collaboration

City staff continue to advance key actions and priorities as proactive measures to keep Toronto safe from hate. An update on the City's review of the emergence of municipal bylaws in other jurisdictions, hostile vehicle mitigation and ongoing collaboration with the Toronto Police Service (TPS) are outlined below.

#### *Emergence of Municipal Bylaws*

City staff are reviewing the emergence of municipal bylaws established to address impacts of demonstrations on the public and on access to publicly accessible spaces in other jurisdictions. City staff have conducted a preliminary jurisdictional scan of municipalities in Canada and the United States to identify tools other cities have implemented. Examples include the [Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw](#) adopted by the City of Calgary and the [Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure Bylaw](#) adopted by the City of Vaughan. Courts have yet to rule on Charter issues related to these new municipal bylaws.

Calgary's [Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw](#) prohibits "specified protests" inside a City of Calgary operated recreation facility (or other designated facility) or within 100 metres of an entrance to a City of Calgary operated recreation facility (or other designated facility), or library. As noted by the City of Calgary, the bylaw was created because "the City is committed to ensuring that all Calgarians who wish to access public services and facilities are not being exposed to messaging or behaviour that is hateful, intimidates, harasses, or discriminates."

Vaughan's [Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure Bylaw](#) prohibits "nuisance demonstrations" within 100 metres of the property line of any vulnerable social infrastructure (such as a place of worship, school, childcare centre, hospital or congregate care facility). As noted by the City of Vaughan, the bylaw was created because "the City of Vaughan is committed to fostering a community that is inclusive,

accessible, respectful and safe for everyone.” The City of Vaughan also notes it “continues to prioritize public safety for everyone who lives in, works in and visits Vaughan.”

As noted in the [October 8, 2024 remarks](#) to the Toronto Police Service Board from Chief Myron Demkiw, Deputy Chief Lauren Pogue and Deputy Chief Robert Johnson, since October 7, 2023, the TPS has responded to more than 1,500 demonstrations. With respect to data on hate crimes, the TPS [Public Safety Data Portal](#) indicates a total of 368 hate crimes were reported in 2023. As of November 27, 2024, the TPS noted that year-to-date, 439 hate crimes have been reported to the Hate Crime Unit. Hate crimes have been reported in various locations across the city, including educational institutions, government buildings, medical facilities and religious places of worship/cultural centres.

A similar bylaw approach for the City of Toronto could be considered that addresses issues raised on impacts of demonstrations on the public, including but not limited to concerns regarding community safety and access to social infrastructure and publicly accessible spaces in the community (e.g. hospitals, schools, libraries, places of worship).

To allow for the drafting of a proposed bylaw, that both addresses the issues being faced by the City and respects Charter jurisprudence, further City staff review and analysis would be undertaken, including:

- Continued monitoring of the implementation and impacts of related municipal bylaws in comparable jurisdictions
- Reviewing best practices
- Consideration of any new Court rulings
- Consultations with key stakeholders, such as City divisions, agencies, corporations, partners, residents, community groups and the TPS

To advance this work, the City Manager is recommending that City Council direct the City Manager, in consultation with the City Solicitor, applicable City divisions, the Toronto Police Service and other applicable stakeholders, to report to the Executive Committee in Q1 2025 with a proposed bylaw that supports the City's commitment to keeping Toronto safe from hate and respects Charter jurisprudence that addresses impacts of demonstrations on the public and on access to publicly accessible spaces.

### *Hostile Vehicle Mitigation*

Transportation Services is undertaking work to develop guidelines and a kit of parts for hostile vehicle mitigation (HVM) interventions on City streets, such as street furniture and bollards. This work will establish a formal process through which private property owners may seek approval to install HVM measures on City streets, including guidance on application requirements, service standards, evaluation criteria, and staff responsibilities throughout the internal review process. Transportation Services has issued a Request for Proposal for consulting services to support this project. It is anticipated that further work will be advanced in January 2025 following the selection of the successful proponent.

In addition, City staff will establish a one-time grant program in 2025 to support community organizations with hostile vehicle mitigation interventions. Pending Council approval, the City Manager's Office will work with the Office of the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Services and consult with applicable City divisions to develop and administer the grant program for 2025. The City Manager is recommending that City Council authorize the City Manager, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Services, to establish a one-time grant program of up to \$2.5 million in 2025 to support community organizations with hostile vehicle mitigation interventions through the 2025 Operating Budget submission.

#### *Ongoing City-TPS Collaboration*

The City continues to collaborate and engage with the TPS, building upon existing communication channels and opportunities for ongoing engagement. In particular, the City and the TPS have identified opportunities for greater integration at events to promote public safety and respond to issues as they arise. The TPS and the City are exploring ways to involve the City's bylaw enforcement team more alongside the TPS for specific events. For example, MLS and TPS have discussed development opportunities to have MLS staff present in incident command centers, where appropriate. Discussions have also noted the role of MLS in preventing setup of activity that would be in violation of a City bylaw.