

**This is an Extract from the Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Toronto
Police Services Board that was held on October 19, 2023**

**P2023-1019-10.0. City Council Decision – MM11.37 – Keeping Toronto Safe
from Hate**

The Board was in receipt of a report dated October 16, 2023 from Dubi Kanengisser, Executive Director.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1) Join City Council in condemning in the strongest possible terms all forms of hate, including Antisemitism and Islamophobia, and restating its commitment to an inclusive and welcoming city for all Toronto residents;

- 2) Refer this report to the Chief of Police for consideration and direct the Chief to:
 - a. assist the City Manager in compiling an anti-hate information package;
 - b. continue efforts to protect and bolster the sense of security of communities targeted by hate crimes across the city, including collaboration with the City Manager and local community organizations;
 - c. liaise with the Executive Director to develop an update on the work of the Service and the Hate Crimes Unit, to be communicated to the Mayor and Members of City Council and posted on the Board's website, including information on work:

- 3) Forward a copy of this report to Executive Committee for information.

Councillor Cheng thanked the Chief and Service Members for their thoughtfulness during the last few weeks, and said that she has "full confidence that the police service will support the fight against hate crimes and that community members feel very supported by the police."

The Board approved the foregoing report.

Moved by: A. Morley
Seconded by: N. Migliore



PUBLIC REPORT

October 16, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Toronto Police Services Board

From: Dubi Kanengisser
Executive Director

Subject: **City Council Decision – MM11.37 – Keeping Toronto Safe from Hate**

Purpose: Information Purposes Only Seeking Decision

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 - c. liaise with the Executive Director to develop an update on the work of the Service and the Hate Crimes Unit, to be communicated to the Mayor and Members of City Council and posted on the Board's website, including information on work:
 - i. to protect and promote a sense of safety in areas such as places of worship and cultural centres including schools and daycares;
 - ii. with the Neighbourhood Community Officers, Community Partnerships and Engagement Unit, and the Chiefs Community Consultative Committee in community outreach with community leaders, business owners, media, religious institutions and others

in response and dissemination of information related to hate-related incidents; and

- iii. partnering with the Minister of Attorney General's Hate Crime Working Group and other intergovernmental bodies on hate-related crimes and incidents; and

3. Forward a copy of this report to Executive Committee for information.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation(s) contained in this report.

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with City Council Decision – MM11.37 – Keeping Toronto Safe from Hate.

This report provides the Board with the decisions of City Council on this matter.

Discussion:

MM11.37 – Keeping Toronto Safe from Hate

City Council, at its meeting on October 11, 2023, adopted item MM11.37 with respect to keeping Toronto safe from hate. The Motion is available at the following link:

[Agenda Item History - 2023.MM11.37 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

In considering this matter, Council adopted, the following recommendations:

1. **City Council condemn in the strongest possible terms all forms of hate, including Antisemitism and Islamophobia, and restate its commitment to an inclusive and welcoming city for all Toronto residents.**
2. **City Council direct the City Manager, in partnership with the relevant divisions, and the Toronto Police Services Board to create an anti-hate package of information available online by October 20, 2023, and shared directly with community organizations, places of worship, religious schools and daycares, such package to include information on:**
 - a. **hate crimes and how to report hate-crimes and activities;**
 - b. **City policies related to hate including Toronto Corporate Security's hate event response plan and hate activity policy;**

- c. any best practices on urban design options, lighting, and other measures that promote safety;
 - d. information on support resources available to communities experiencing hate, such as those made available through the Toronto For All public education initiative; and
 - e. any funding or supports that may be available for measures to ensure spaces are safe.
3. In recognition of rising hate and to foster a sense of safety and belonging, City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to create community safety zones, aligned with their predetermined areas of critical infrastructure and potential targets that are inclusive of areas surrounding places of worship and cultural and religious daycares and schools recognized as a potential target for hate where they will offer to consult with organizations in those areas about steps that can be taken to be and feel safe from hate.
4. City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to provide an update to the Mayor and Members of City Council on the work of the Toronto Police and the Hate Crimes Unit and post it publicly on their website, this should include information on work:
 - a. to protect and promote a sense of safety in predetermined areas of critical infrastructure and potential targets including places of worship and cultural centres including schools and daycares;
 - b. with the Neighbourhood Community Officers, Community Partnerships and Engagement Unit, and the Chiefs Community Consultative Committee in community outreach with community leaders, business owners, media, religious institutions and others in response and dissemination of information related to hate-related incidents; and
 - c. partnering with the Minister of Attorney General's Hate Crime Working Group and other intergovernmental bodies on hate-related crimes and incidents.
5. City Council direct the City Manager, in partnership with Toronto Police Services, the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, the Executive Director, People and Equity and the City Solicitor to work with local community organizations to enhance and improve safety and security in community safety zones (community areas at risk of hate-related activities), including all places of worship, and cultural centres including schools and daycares.

The Service's Response to Hate Crime

At its meeting of May 18, 2023, the Board considered a presentation from the Service's Hate Crime Unit, as well as the Service's Annual Hate Crime Statistical Report (Min. No. P2023-0518-2.0. refers). As part of its presentation, the Service discussed hate crime education and other initiatives, including multi-language pamphlets, Community Partnerships and Engagement Unit initiatives, outreach to communities, the Service's Hate Crime Dashboard, and others.

In addition, in response to recent events in the Middle East, and to voices from local communities, the Service has made a number of public statements, and has been in close contact with affected communities to alleviate concerns and bolster the sense of safety of members of all communities across Toronto. In particular, in his statement of October 12, 2023, Chief Demkiw informed the public that "in response to the terror attack in Israel, the Service immediately increased patrols in Jewish communities and we have now expanded that increased visibility to include cultural centres, synagogues, mosques, schools and other places of worship across the city." He noted that two Command Posts have been setup "to serve local communities, take reports and serve as a location where police officers will be on the ground and easily reached by those communities if needed."

Chief Demkiw further emphasized in his statement that "the Service continues to work with federal, provincial and municipal law enforcement partners to ensure coordination and information sharing." He further underlined that "violence and hateful acts will not be tolerated in our city," and that "the Toronto Police Service and our Hate Crime Unit will aggressively pursue any alleged or suspected incidents of hate crime or hate motivated behaviour in our city." He encouraged residents to report any allegations of hate motivated incidents to police for investigation, through 9-1-1, in the case of emergencies, through the Service's non-emergency line, or, where residents wished to report anonymously, through Crime Stoppers.

Conclusion:

It is, therefore, recommended that the Board:

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2. Refer this report to the Chief of Police for consideration and direct the Chief to:
 - a. assist the City Manager in compiling an anti-hate information package;
 - b. continue efforts to protect and bolster the sense of security of communities targeted by hate crimes across the city, including collaboration with the City Manager and local community organizations, in accordance with operational needs;
 - c. liaise with the Executive Director to develop an update on the work of the Service and the Hate Crimes Unit, to be communicated to the Mayor and Members of City Council and posted on the Board's website, including information on work:

- i. to protect and promote a sense of safety in areas such as places of worship and cultural centres including schools and daycares;
- ii. with the Neighbourhood Community Officers, Community Partnerships and Engagement Unit, and the Chiefs Community Consultative Committee in community outreach with community leaders, business owners, media, religious institutions and others in response and dissemination of information related to hate-related incidents; and
- iii. partnering with the Minister of Attorney General's Hate Crime Working Group and other intergovernmental bodies on hate-related crimes and incidents; and

3. Forward a copy of this report to Executive Committee for information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dubi Kanengisser', enclosed within a thin, hand-drawn oval border.

Dubi Kanengisser
Executive Director