

To Olivia Chow, Mayor, and Toronto City Councillors:

You only get one chance to make a first good impression and some Members of Toronto City Council and City Staff have bungled that opportunity intentionally.

Council Members and City Staff had in their possession substantial documentation to address the Dundas Fiasco and hid from the public substantial academic research in favour of vindictive remarks and opinions of two discredited academics that in like manner discredited the universities they represented. This abuse was further compounded when City Staff refused to do broad public consultation on the Dundas debate as promised by City Staff and Members of City Council knew it.

Is there newfound integrity amongst a new City Council to step back from this egregious and expensive set of errors to correct abuses of the past and acknowledge their oath of office and duty of care to the people of Toronto?

This motion provides opportunity to amend same and include, as a former Deputy Mayor recommended, a return to the original investigation of Henry Dundas with an honest approach that was denied from the beginning.

During this process the conduct of Canadians with European ancestry has been held up to intense and unreasonable scrutiny, in that we are meant to feel ashamed for slavery and colonialism and apologize for the crimes of our ancestors because of hysterical knee-jerk interpretations rather than an honest academic interpretation of our past.

Yet when it comes to barbaric practices carried out in non-western cultures, we are expected to forgive (if not accept) such behaviour because it's part of their culture. As an example there were many African tribes attacking other African tribes to sell them into slavery for more than a thousand years which must include the tribes of Ghana where the word Sankofa originates from.

We should be confident of the value of our civilization, which consists of a value system that has given people widespread prosperity, opportunities and guarantees respect for human rights and religion.

To be “anti-western/anti-Canadian” while enjoying its benefits is to be a moral parasite.

It is commendable that Canada is trying to be more open, to be more understanding of the values of outsiders, but it has lost all capacity for self-love. All that some individuals see in our own history is the despicable and the destructive; some Canadians are no longer able or willing to perceive or accept what is great and pure.

Multiculturalism in Canada today creates a plural society that demands autonomous political authority that conflicts with our democracy and limited resources to provide for all demands from all those insisting they are entitled because they are now here.

Oikophobia has been overwhelmingly found on Toronto City Council and within City Staff.

City Council and City Staff have acted with reckless abandon rather than sensible restraint. City Staff promised, publicly, to provide broad public consultation for the Dundas Fiasco with those directly affected (Torontonians actually living and working on Dundas Street.) and then refused to do it. City Council Members knew it and allowed it. This disgusting precedent sent a terrible message to City Staff to say they were in control and not the elected Members of Council.

Somebody on Toronto's Executive Committee and or City Council should show some courage and use this opportunity to revisit the Dundas Fiasco Abortion and bring integrity back to Toronto's City Hall for the benefit of Torontonians who were denied any opportunity to be part of the renaming decision as promised..

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(DEI: Has become Denial, Exclusion and Ignorance as applied by City Council and City Staff.)