

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM19.21	ACTION			Ward: All
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Fostering Belonging, Community and Inclusion, and Combating Hate in Toronto - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow, Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, Councillor Mike Colle, Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, and Councillor Amber Morley

** 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 Mayor Olivia Chow, Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, Councillor Mike Colle, Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, and Councillor Amber Morley, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, the Director, Equity, Diversity and Human Rights, and the Chief Communications Officer, to re-launch the Toronto for All public education campaign, and leverage existing opportunities such as the City’s street furniture network to deliver a unifying message against hate.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, the General Manager Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to coordinate a joint task force to review urban design guidelines and other relevant planning guidelines to provide best practices for applicants to maximize safety through urban design.
3. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to review the Graffiti Management Plan to respond to hate graffiti plan and ensure service levels are being met, particularly as it relates to rapid response to hate graffiti.
4. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report back through the 2025 Budget process on the feasibility of restoring local ‘gathering space’ funding to support the development of community gathering spaces such as community gardens, chairs and benches, and other public assets that help foster a feeling of belonging, community and engagement.

Summary

For so many, Toronto is a place of hope and our diversity is a beacon to millions around the world. And yet we know there is work to continue to do to ensure that all Torontonians feel safe to be who they are, celebrate their culture, celebrate their identity, and worship freely, without

fear of discrimination or hate. As a City, we must foster a sense of belonging, community and inclusion across Toronto for all Torontonians, so that we are all safe from hate.

The Toronto Foundation's most recent Vital Signs report underscores a troubling pattern emerging in Toronto of social isolation and lack of connection. To continue to be a caring city, where all are welcome, and to reverse the erosion of connection in our city, we must be unwavering in our message that hate has no place in Toronto. By investing in building welcoming community spaces and promoting a message against hate and in support of inclusion, we can build the connections that stop hate from taking hold.

Background Information (City Council)

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