

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### Tax Credit Program for Vulnerable Community Institution Security Costs

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#### SUMMARY:

Jewish community institutions are being forced to absorb unprecedented and unsustainable costs to ensure the safety of students, congregants and other community members at their facilities. While this has been the unfortunate reality for decades now, the need has taken on a new dimension and sense of urgency here in Toronto and across Canada and other countries since the October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorist attack on Israel and the resulting war.

Jewish schools, synagogues, and community centres have required significant additional security measures far beyond what has been historically necessary, driven by a marked and sustained rise of antisemitic incidents both here in Toronto and globally.

Many other diaspora communities and ethnic and/or religious minorities are also increasingly facing similar pressures because of conflicts abroad and foreign influence campaigns, underscoring that this is a broader public safety concern.

The Toronto Police Service has demonstrated a very strong commitment to protecting the Jewish community in particular at this time as well as other vulnerable communities, often at considerable strain on its own resources. However, it is neither reasonable nor sustainable for vulnerable communities to bear this additional cost for paid duty officers and private security to keep their children safe and to worship in peace and security. Public safety and security is a shared responsibility – one that must be supported through coordinated action and appropriate resources from all levels of government.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the federal Minister of Finance and National Revenue, and the Ontario Minister of Finance to establish a Tax Credit Program to support identifiable religious, ethnocultural and diasporic community institutions including schools, places of worship, and community centres who bear extraordinary security costs to keep their communities safe with eligibility criteria based on the existing Canada Community Security Program (CCSP) and the Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant Program.

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