

Item - 2019.EX5.3

Tracking Status

- City Council adopted this item on May 14 and 15, 2019 without amendments.
- This item was considered by Executive Committee on May 1, 2019 and was adopted with amendments. It will be considered by City Council on May 14 and 15, 2019.

City Council consideration on May 14 and 15, 2019

EX5.3 - Hate Sponsored Rallies

Decision Type: ACTION

Status: Adopted

Wards: All

City Council Decision

City Council on May 14 and 15, 2019, adopted the following:

1. City Council reaffirm its absolute and unwavering opposition to hate speech in the City of Toronto.
2. City Council direct the City Manager to inform organizers of events which occur regularly without a permit of the City's policies towards hate speech and hate activities.
3. City Council direct the Executive Director, People, Equity and Human Rights and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with City Agencies and Corporations, to develop a policy to refuse permits for any events advocating hatred or violence against any faith, race, or sexual orientation on City property.
4. City Council direct the General Manager Parks, Forestry and Recreation to monitor rallies in City parks and work with the Toronto Police Service on-site in order to enforce by-law contraventions, including opportunities to charge event organizers for operating without a permit.
5. City Council request the City Manager to, where possible, issue trespass or trespass warning letters to identifiable participants engaged in hate activities at rallies on City property.
6. City Council request the City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to, whenever possible, make efforts to obtain reimbursement from organizers of events engaged in hate activities on City property for all City-incurred expenses.
7. City Council request the Executive Director, People, Equity and Human Rights and the City Solicitor to conduct a bi-annual review of the Hate Activity Policy and make any changes necessary to ensure it protects against hate activity on City property to the maximum extent permitted under the law.
8. City Council, request the City Solicitor to monitor Bill 84, "An Act to amend the Legislative Assembly Act respecting demonstrations that promote hatred on legislative precinct grounds" and make comments based on the City's anti-hate policies.
9. City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to request the Toronto Police Service and the Attorney General to take swift and immediate action against any group found to be contravening the law and advocating anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, homophobia or any other forms of hatred contrary to

the Criminal Code.

10. City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to request the Toronto Police Service to review procedures on collecting evidence of hate crimes at rallies and to review procedures for individuals to report hate crimes, and to review again the events of the 2018 Al Quds Day rally to determine whether a hate crime occurred.

11. City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to request the Toronto Police Service to review its training of officers and processes for the creation of the Toronto Police Service General Occurrence (G), for the detailing instances of hate, including speech, music, expressive clothing, placards, pamphlets, and other forms of hate dissemination at public events.

12. City Council request the Attorney General to investigate the feasibility of creating a process to remove some discretion from decisions to lay charges for hate activities similar to those used for cases of domestic violence.

Background Information (Committee)

(April 15, 2019) Report from the Executive Director, People, Equity and Human Rights on Hate Sponsored Rallies

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-132059.pdf>

Addendum 1 - Corporate Security Flow Charts entitled "Corporate Security Unplanned Hate Rallies Response Plan and Corporate Security Planned Hate Rallies Response Plan"

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-132188.pdf>

Addendum 2 - Chart Summarizing Hate Activity Policy Survey Responses

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-132189.pdf>

Addendum 3 - Response from the Ministry of the Attorney General dated April 10, 2019

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-132190.pdf>

Communications (Committee)

(April 26, 2019) Letter from Dr. Atif Kubursi (EX.Supp.EX5.3.1)

(April 30, 2019) E-mail from George Turner (EX.Supp.EX5.3.2)

(April 30, 2019) E-mail from Murray Lumley (EX.Supp.EX5.3.3)

(April 30, 2019) Letter from Mariam Karim, University of Toronto, Graduate Students' Union (EX.Supp.EX5.3.4)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/ex/comm/communicationfile-93974.pdf>

(April 29, 2019) Letter from Robert Massoud (EX.Supp.EX5.3.5)

(May 1, 2019) Submission from Reverend Karen Rodman, Just Peace Advocates (EX.Supp.EX3.5.6)

(May 1, 2019) Submission from Suzanne Weiss (EX.New.EX5.3.7)

Communications (City Council)

(April 30, 2019) Submission from Michael Mostyn (CC.Main.EX5.3.8)

(May 12, 2019) Letter from Dr. Atif Kubursi, Chair, Board of Trustees, Canadian Arab Federation (CC.Supp.EX5.3.9)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/cc/comm/communicationfile-94547.pdf>

(May 13, 2019) E-mail from Murray Lumley (CC.Supp.EX5.3.10)

(May 13, 2019) Submission from Dimitri Lascaris, A. Dimitri Lascaris Law Professional Corporation (CC.New.EX5.3.11)

Motions (City Council)

Motion to Adopt Item (Carried)

Vote (Adopt Item)

Result: Carried	Majority Required - EX5.3 - Adopt the item
Yes: 23	Paul Ainslie, Ana Bailão, Brad Bradford, Shelley Carroll, Mike Colle, Gary Crawford, Joe Cressy, John Fillion, Paula Fletcher, Michael Ford, Mark Grimes, Stephen Holyday, Cynthia Lai, Mike Layton, Josh Matlow, Jennifer McKelvie, Denzil Minnan-Wong, Frances Nunziata (Chair), James Pasternak, Gord Perks, Michael Thompson, John Tory, Kristyn Wong-Tam
No: 0	
Absent: 3	Jim Karygiannis, Anthony Perruzza, Jaye Robinson

Executive Committee consideration on May 1, 2019

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