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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Councillor Gallo

Re: **Establishment of a Joint Task Force and Funding Support to Combat Antisemitic Hate and Violence and Protect Vulnerable Communities in Aurora**

To: Members of Council

From: Councillor John Gallo

Date: March 10, 2026

Whereas the Town of Aurora is a diverse and inclusive community where residents of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds should feel safe, respected, and protected; and

Whereas there has been a documented and deeply concerning rise in antisemitic incidents, hate-motivated acts, and violence across Canada, including within York Region and surrounding municipalities; and

Whereas hate-motivated incidents directed at the Jewish community and other vulnerable communities undermine public safety, community cohesion, and the fundamental values of tolerance and inclusion; and

Whereas municipal governments rely on strong partnerships with federal, provincial, and regional law enforcement agencies to effectively prevent, investigate, and respond to hate-motivated incidents; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora is served by the York Regional Police, and benefits from coordination with provincial and federal partners including the Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Canadian Security Intelligence Service; and

Whereas municipalities face increasing financial and operational pressures in responding to rising incidents of hate, including the need for enhanced policing coordination, prevention programs, and community safety initiatives;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora Council formally request the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to work in partnership with York Region and the Town of Aurora to establish a combined Federal, Provincial, Regional, and Municipal law enforcement joint task force, composed of but not limited to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Ontario Provincial Police, and York Regional Police, to

coordinate intelligence, prevention, and enforcement efforts to combat and prevent antisemitic hate and violence, and to protect vulnerable communities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Council request the Federal and Provincial governments to provide dedicated and sustainable funding to support these coordinated enforcement and prevention efforts, and to provide financial assistance to municipalities and regional police services, including York Regional Police, to address the increased operational demands resulting from the rise in hate-motivated incidents; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That Council calls upon all municipalities in York Region to join Town of Aurora in support of this resolution; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That Council direct that this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada
 - The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
 - The Minister of Public Safety Canada
 - The Premier of Ontario
 - The Solicitor General of Ontario
 - The Attorney General of Ontario
 - The Regional Municipality of York
 - The York Regional Police Services Board
 - Local Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament representing Aurora
 - All municipalities within York Region