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May 20, 2021

Via Email:

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Ralph Walton
 Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
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Re: Region of Durham Council Resolution Re: Anti-Asian Hate

Please be advised that at a meeting held on May 17, 2021, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 142-21:

That the Council of the Town of Whitby endorse the resolution adopted by the Council of the Region of Durham at its meeting held on April 28, 2021 regarding Anti-Asian Hate.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.

Kevin Narraway
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Attach: Region of Durham Council Resolution Re: Anti-Asian Hate

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April 30, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Don Beaton, BCom, M.P.A.
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Dear Prime Minister:

RE: Anti Asian Hate, Our File: A00

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on April 28, 2021, adopted the following recommendations:

“Whereas widespread reports, surveys and personal experiences from across the Asian community have indicated a disturbing increase in Anti-Asian discrimination, infringements on basic human rights and acts of violence in Canada and around the world – impacting Asians of all nationalities including a Filipino-American woman beaten in NYC, the six Asian-Americans of Chinese and Korean descent murdered in the Atlanta spa shootings, and many more – sparking protests across Canada and the United States in March 2021;

And Whereas the Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto chapter compiled feedback from the Asian community through two online (self-reporting) surveys, that together reported over 1,150 instances of Anti-Asian racism between March 10, 2020 and February 28, 2021 (with approximately half of those incidents reported since January, and nearly 40% having occurred in Ontario), which is believed to have been exacerbated and aggravated due to widespread scapegoating and racialization of the Covid-19 pandemic;

And Whereas according to an Angus Reid study (2020), 43% of surveyed Canadians of Asian-descent reported feeling threatened or intimidated as a direct result of Covid-19;

And Whereas racism in Canada is an ugly part of our ongoing history, and we must as a community stand together to condemn these acts and commit to taking positive action to correct misinformation and ensure the safety of our neighbours, friends and families;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Durham Regional Council formally stands beside its residents of Asian descent, and with all Asian community members across Canada to condemn and denounce these deplorable, racist and hateful acts, and encourages victims and bystanders to report these incidents; and
2. Durham Regional Council supports the Chinese Canadian National Council's calls for immediate action, and urges the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to lead and support meaningful education, engagement and Anti-racism efforts, fostering understanding and correcting misinformation for all targeted under-represented groups in Canada, including the Asian community; and
3. This motion be distributed to Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth; Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Durham Region Municipalities; the Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto chapter; the Korean Canadian Cultural Association; Japanese Canadian Cultural Association; and the Durham Chinese Cultural Centre."

Ralph Walton

Ralph Walton,
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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- c: Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social
Services
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Clerk, Township of Brock
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