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May 13, 2025

RE: Support Resolution No. 2025-120 regarding Municipality of Durham Council Motion to Amend prior Motion to ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 16, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2025-120:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.7 listed for APRIL 16, 2025 Council meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas the Township supports the Municipality of Durham Council Motion to Amend prior Motion to Nazi Symbols of Hate and directs staff to send a support resolution accordingly.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, B'nai Brith Canada



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Durham**

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March 27, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani  
Minister of Justice  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

**RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate", Our File: C00**

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As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

"Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and


Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B'Nai Brith's call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities."



Alexander Harras, M.P.A.  
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk  
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c: B'nai Brith Canada  
All Canadian Municipalities