

## **Motion to Advance Reconciliation by Advocating for an Amendment to the National Anthem**

**Moved: Mayor Crombie**

**Seconded:**

**WHEREAS** Canadian singer and song-writer Jully Black sang a version of Canada's National Anthem at the NBA All-Star game which highlighted the truth of the history of Canada;


**WHEREAS** that wording represented a change in a single word of the anthem that had a ripple effect across the country;

**WHEREAS** this change to the anthem was hailed by Indigenous Peoples across Canada as an Act of Reconciliation and a speaking of the truth;

**WHEREAS** the changed words to the anthem advance the cause of Reconciliation nationally as it reflects the truth of our Nation;

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The City of Mississauga write a letter calling upon the Federal Government to formally adopt the change from 'our home **and** native land' to 'our home **on** native land' to reflect the spirit and intent of the Treaties which allowed for the creation of the City of Mississauga and all of Canada.
2. The City of Mississauga share a copy of this motion with the Ontario Big City Mayors and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs, and encourage cities across the province and the provincial government to also call for this change.
3. Furthermore, that the new wording represents a truth which is critical to the understanding of present-day Canada and that such a change is consistent with the Federal Government's commitment to Reconciliation.



Bonnie Crombie, Mayor