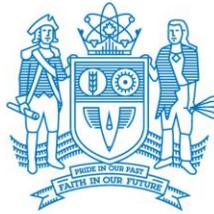


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Notice of Motion – November 22, 2023

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Whereas foreign policy is the prerogative of the Federal Government; and

Whereas municipal councils are concerned with more local issues, closer to residents - residents who are increasingly global in outlook; and

Whereas incidents of anti-semitism and Islamophobia are unfortunately increasing as the Israeli-Hamas war continues - affecting residents in our cities, especially our youth; and

Whereas reputable, humanitarian agencies and United Nations spokespersons are expressing deep concern over the deaths, suffering and destruction taking place in this war; and

Whereas U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres reports yearly on the number of children's casualties in conflicts taking place in various parts of the world, averaging 600 per year, he shockingly reports over 4000 deaths in a single month in the Israeli-Hamas War; and

Whereas Guterres is advocating most strongly for a ceasefire at this time as are other humanitarian agencies that are being overwhelmed by the conflict - 101 U.N. workers and families killed - such that Gazan hospitals including El Shifa have collapsed without electricity, oxygen, anaesthetics, clean water and adequate light while under constant bombardment; and

Whereas 220 plus Israeli hostages are suffering under the same conditions the Gazans are enduring; and

Whereas we have just observed Remembrance Day for those who fought in two World Wars eventually resulting in protocols such as the Geneva Convention - opposing collective punishment, the taking of hostages, using non-combatants as human shields, and more; and

Whereas millions of protestors throughout the world, including thousands here in Mississauga, are asking for a ceasefire to end the carnage and move toward a solution to the conflict;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the City of Mississauga, representing its diverse population, condemns all acts of terror and violence resulting in loss of life and disablement of civilians, most especially seniors, women and children.
2. Council joins the growing hundreds of thousands of voices - Jewish, Muslim, Palestinian and every other group represented in our City's diverse population - to call for a release of the hostages and an immediate ceasefire in Gaza to allow for urgent medical aid and desperately needed relief as well as immediate steps to initiate discussions on ending the war.

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