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York Regional Police Services Board

All Municipalities within York Region

RE: Combatting Antisemitism – Town of Newmarket

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on April 20, 2026, the Town of Newmarket Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Newmarket 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 rise in antisemitic incidents including specific recent multiple attacks on synagogues in York Region, in addition to the spread of hate-motivated acts and inciting violence in the province of Ontario and Canada as a whole; and,



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Whereas deeply concerning 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 which the Town of Newmarket strives to embody; 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 Newmarket is served by the York Regional Police, and benefits from coordination with the provincial and federal partner 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; and,

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Newmarket Council formally request the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to work in partnership with York Region and the Town of Newmarket 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. 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. That Council request York Region Police force set up dates and times with the Town of Newmarket to provide education and increased communication to the Town at community events through their Mobile Command Bus in order to support an increased sense of public safety; and,
4. That Council calls upon all municipalities in York Region to join the Town of Aurora and the Town of East Gwillimbury in support of this resolution; and,
5. That Council direct that this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honorable Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the



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Solicitor General of Ontario & The Attorney General of Ontario, the York Regional Police Services Board, the Local Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament representing the Town of Newmarket, and all municipalities within York Region.

Yours sincerely,

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins
Legislative Coordinator



**Town of Newmarket Council Extract
Council**

Title: Combatting Antisemitism

Date: Monday, April 20, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Kwapis

Seconded by: Councillor Woodhouse

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