

April 22, 2026

Sent via email

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Motion presented by Councillor Lahey regarding Combatting Antisemitism

For your information and records, at its meeting of Municipal Council held on April 21, 2026, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Aurora unanimously passed a resolution on March 10, 2026 calling upon all municipalities in York Region to join them in their support of a resolution to establish a Joint Task Force and Funding Support to Combat Antisemitic Hate and Violence and Protect Vulnerable Communities; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury 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

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 East Gwillimbury 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 East Gwillimbury 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury Council formally request the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to work in partnership with York Region and the Town of East Gwillimbury 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council request York Region Police force set up dates and times with the Town of East Gwillimbury 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Solicitor General of Ontario & The Attorney General of Ontario*
- *The Regional Municipality of York*
- *The York Regional Police Services Board*
- *Local Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament representing the Town of East Gwillimbury*
- *All municipalities within York Region.*

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Amanda McNeil, Hon. B.A., M.M.St.
Legislative Coordinator

CC:

Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Right Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Right Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety of Canada
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York—Simcoe
Scot Davidson, MP for New Tecumseth—Gwillimbury
Regional Municipality of York
York Regional Police Services Board
Town of Aurora
Town of Georgina
Township of King
City of Markham
Town of Newmarket
City of Richmond Hill
City of Vaughan
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville