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Re. Matters regarding the Government of Quebec Bill 21

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton passed the following resolutions at its Special Meeting of December 15, 2021:

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That the following delegations re. **Matters regarding the Government of Quebec Bill 21**, to the Special Council Meeting of December 15, 2021, be received:

1. Mustafa Farooq, Chief Executive Officer, National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM); and,
2. Sharanjeet Kaur, Senior Vice President, National, World Sikh Organization of Canada.

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Whereas Bramptonians value the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

Whereas Brampton Council believes we cannot allow the defense of the Charter and the foundational value of religious freedom to be on the backs of racialized communities against the Province of Quebec with unlimited legal resources; and

Whereas, if Canada's Big Cities assist to fund the legal challenge, then we level the playing field since it is not a fair legal fight in the absence of federal government involvement; and

Whereas a Supreme Court decision allowing the infringement of religious freedom would have negative consequences for Bramptonians and all Canadians;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That the City of Brampton support the current legal challenge against the discrimination of freedom of religion in Quebec's Bill 21 – An Act respecting the laicity of the State; and
2. That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton provide a one-time 2021 contribution of up to \$100,000 to the joint legal challenges of Bill 21 by National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM), the World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), with staff identifying the appropriate funding source; and
3. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to:
 - a. the Canadian Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting they share with all their member municipalities inviting municipal contributions to support the legal challenge; and
 - b. the Region of Peel, City of Mississauga, Town of Caledon and all Members of Parliament and Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, requesting their support.

Yours truly,



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