



Thorold

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

Re. 14.2 City of Thorold Council Resolution – City Council Statement respecting Flag Desecration

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on November 12, 2024, considered the aforementioned topic and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the Canadian flag is a symbol of the nation's unity, history, and values, representing the sacrifices and contributions made by Canadians across generations;

WHEREAS the Canadian flag stands as a symbol of national pride, democracy, freedom, and the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizens;

WHEREAS the desecration of the Canadian flag is an act that disrespects the ideals and principles upon which Canada was built, undermining national cohesion and respect for the country's institutions;

WHEREAS acts of flag desecration can cause significant emotional harm to Canadians, particularly veterans, and others for whom the flag represents personal or collective sacrifice, dignity, and identity; and

WHEREAS criminalizing the desecration of the Canadian flag would serve as a means of protecting national symbols from acts that seek to degrade their meaning while still respecting the constitutional rights of citizens to protest peacefully and express diverse views;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Council for the City of Thorold **SUPPORTS** the amendment to the *Criminal Code* R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46, for the purpose of criminalizing the act of desecrating the Canadian Flag; and

2. That this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, and the Office of Member of Parliament for Niagara Centre, Vance Badawey, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, and lower-tier municipalities within the Region of Niagara.

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

cc. Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre
Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities

