

Corporate Services Department **Legislative Services Division**

Township of Champlain

Resolution **Regular Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.1. **Resolution Number** 2025-097

Title: Durham Region - Protecting Canadian Values Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

March 27, 2025 Date:

Moved By: Michel Lalonde Seconded By: Ginette Clément

Be it resolved that the resolution of Durham Region dated February 26, 2025, requesting that the Government of Canada pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika, be endorsed.

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Date:

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 15.1. No. du point 2025-097 Titre: Région de Durham - Protéger les valeurs canadiennes Interdire la croix gammée nazie (swastika) au Canada le 27 mars 2025 Date: Michel Lalonde Proposée par: Appuyée par: Ginette Clément Qu'il soit résolu que la résolution de la région de Durham, datée du 26 février 2025, demandant au gouvernement du Canada d'adopter une loi interdisant, avec des exceptions à certaines fins éducatives et artistiques, l'exposition publique de symboles et d'iconographie nazis, y compris la croix gammée nazie (swastika), soit appuyée. **Adoptée** Copie certifiée conforme



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Alexander Harras M.P.A. Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk February 28, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani Minister of Justice House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

RE: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada, Our File: C00

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on February 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole, as amended:

"Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi swastika, also known as the hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B'Nai Brith's call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze). Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze)

If you require this information in an accessible format, please call 1-800-372-1102 extension 2097.

2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities."

Alexander Harras

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c: B'nai Brith Canada All Canadian Municipalities