

## **Report to Corporate Services Committee**

**To:** Chair and Members  
Corporate Services Committee

**From:** Barry R. Card  
Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Solicitor

**Subject:** Use of City Facilities for Activities of Organizations Which Promote Hatred

**Meeting on:** May 1, 2018

## **Recommendation**

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Solicitor, NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN to address the use of City facilities for activities that promote hatred; it being noted that the City's Special Events Policies and Procedures Manual appears to be effectively addressing this concern.

## **Previous Reports Pertinent to this Matter**

Emergent Motion – Council – August 22, 2017

## **Background**

In August 2017, the Municipal Council expressed concern regarding the use of City facilities for the “activities of organizations” which promote hatred. Recent changes to the Special Events Policies and Procedures Manual have introduced new policies that are widely applicable to City facilities, whether or not a special event is taking place.

In particular, clause 5.4(a) of Appendix C(60) to By-law No. CPOL.- 142-394, being “A by-law to revoke and repeal Council policy related to Special Events Policies and Procedures Manual and replace it with a new Council policy entitled Special Events Policies and Procedures Manual” requires the Managing Director, Parks & Recreation, or their written designate, to consider whether or not a proposed “event endorses views and ideas that are likely to promote discrimination, contempt or hatred for any person or group on the basis of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, or disability”. Clause 5.4(c) of that same Appendix requires the Managing Director, Parks & Recreation, or their written designate, to also consider whether or not a proposed event “conflicts with the City’s core values, vision or strategic goals or adversely impacts on the City’s identity”. If the Managing Director, Parks & Recreation, or their written designate, determines that either of these sections applies to a proposed event, then the Managing Director, Parks and Recreation, or their written designate, “may refuse to issue an approval, or may revoke or suspend an approval, or impose a term or condition on an approval” for such an event.

## **Recommendation**

During the six month period following the September 19, 2017 enactment of the revised Special Events Policies and Procedures Manual, there were no events held in City facilities that resulted in reports of events promoting hatred. On the basis that the City's Special Events Policies and Procedures Manual appears to be effectively addressing

the concern raised by Council at its meeting held on August 22, 2017, it is recommended that no further action be taken by the Municipal Council at this time.

<b>Prepared and Recommended by:</b>	<b>Barry R. Card</b> <b>Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Solicitor</b>
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