



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Council X
Meeting Date:	February 9, 2022
Subject/Title:	Declare Opposition to the Discriminatory Nature of the Province of Quebec's Bill 21
Submitted by:	Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Whereas Fatemeh Anvari, a new Grade 3 teacher at Chelsea Elementary School teacher in Quebec was removed from her classroom teaching post in Quebec for wearing a Hijab;

Whereas her actions removal was done in violation of Quebec's Bill 21;

And whereas Bill 21 contravenes Sections (a) and (b) of the Fundamental Freedoms section of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms:

- (a) freedom of conscience and religion;
- (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;

Whereas the Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus unanimously passed a motion affirming their position that Bill 21 does not uphold equality of all citizens, regardless of their religious affiliation, as stated in the Charter, and calls on the Parliament of Canada, both government and opposition, to challenge Bill 21 at the Supreme Court;

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill is a vibrant, multicultural city and strongly supports and embraces diversity, inclusivity and its cultural heritage;

Therefore be it resolved that:

The City of Richmond Hill opposes Bill 21 as discriminatory in nature as it undermines the Fundamental Freedoms of Canadians enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola

Seconded by: