

MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting: Council X

Meeting Date: June 8, 2022

Subject/Title: Compassionate Richmond Hill

Submitted by: Councillor Sheppard

WHEREAS, the principle of compassion lies at the heart of all ethical and spiritual traditions, calling on us to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves, with respect, equity and an understanding of each other's strengths and struggles; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to both public and private life to recognize the contributions of our diverse cultures and backgrounds to the overall fabric of life in Richmond Hill and to foster a community of inclusion and togetherness, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Hill, home to many diverse cultures, religions, sexual orientations and ethnicities is committed to building an inclusive and caring community, encouraging a positive appreciation of our City's diversity, and cultivating an informed empathy for others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Hill works to take compassionate action in areas such as governance, community building, social entrepreneurship, economic development and civic engagement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Richmond Hill hereby affirms the tenants of the Charter for Compassion and commits to restoring compassion in our society, and hereby formalizes its commitment to encouraging our City's diversity and cultivating an informed empathy of others.

And the City of Richmond Hill hereby commits to the rejection of any practice that breeds hatred, violence, intolerance and disdain, on basis of one's creed, race, gender or sexuality, national origin, religion, culture, color, or constitution.

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard

Seconded by: