

Member Motion - Councillor Sheppard - Compassionate Richmond Hill

Dear Richmond Hill Councillors,

This is a letter of support for the motion to have Richmond Hill become a recognized Compassionate City.

I would strongly like to see Richmond Hill affirm the Charter for Compassion, and join the over 100 other communities worldwide. [Participating Communities :: Charter for Compassion](#) I do hope you will explore this website and all that the Charter for Compassion has to offer

I regard this public declaration as one of the steps to be coming a compassionate community, one that truly cares for others. Compassion would be a guiding principle for our municipality's governance.

A group of residents, (and primarily those living in Richmond Hill), have begun this journey <http://compassionateyorkregion.ca/> Yes, it is the intention to have the other York Region municipalities affirm the Charter as well. It would be nice to have Richmond Hill to be the first!

Recently the Canadian Mental Health Association— York Region has awarded Compassionate York Region a Quick Action Grant to have a “Happy to Chat” bench in Rumble Pond Park.

This grassroots organization is growing. The City's affirming the Charter will strengthen its roots.

Thank you for your consideration.

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