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Subject: Letter of support for the motion for Richmond Hill to become a recognized Compassionate City

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

I would strongly like to see the City of Richmond Hill affirm the Charter for Compassion and join over 100 other communities worldwide. I hope that you will explore this website and all that the Charter for Compassion has to offer.

https://charterforcompassion.org/index.php?option=com_sppagebuilder&view=page&id=19&Itemid=1487

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

A group of residents, including myself, and primarily those living in Richmond Hill, have begun this journey and started this initiative <https://compassionateyorkregion.ca/>.

It is the intention that other York Region municipalities affirm the Charter as well.

It would be great to have Richmond Hill lead the way!

This grassroots organization is growing. Recently, the Canadian Mental Health Association- York Region, awarded Compassionate York Region a Quick Action Grant to have a "Happy to Chat" bench in Rumble Pond Park.

The City's affirming the Charter will help to continue to strengthen the roots of compassion in Richmond Hill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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