



# MEMBER MOTION

## Section 5.4.4 (b) of Procedure By-law

<b>Meeting:</b>	Committee of the Whole
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 6, 2023
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	<b>Commemoration of Mahsa Amini</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Deputy Mayor/Regional and Local Councillor Godwin CHAN

**WHEREAS** on September 16, 2022, Mahsa Amini, a 22 year old woman was arrested in Iran for allegedly wearing her hijab improperly and subsequently died while under detention by police;

**WHEREAS** Richmond Hill was the rally venue where over 50,000 Iranian Canadians gathered to mourn the passing of Mahsa Amini and show support for freedom and equality of Iranian women on October 1, 2022;

**WHEREAS** Iranian Canadian community continues to hold rally in Richmond Hill in support of the movement for “Woman, Life, Freedom” since October 2022;

**WHEREAS** all three levels of Government officials had attended the rally in Richmond Hill on October 1, 2022, including Mayor West and Council members to support the cause of the Iranian Canadian community;

**WHEREAS** Richmond Hill Council stand in solidary with the Iranian Canadians in the call for freedom and democratic rights for all and equality for women in Iran; and

**WHEREAS** September 16, 2023 will be the first anniversary of the death of Mahsa Amini;

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. Council declare September 16, 2023 as “Mahsa Amini Memorial Day”**
- 2. Council direct staff to identify the appropriate location to plant a tree and install a bench with memorial plaque in Richmond Hill to commemorate the anniversary of Mahsa Amini ‘s death and support the “Woman, Life, Freedom” movement, and report back on the timing of tree planting and bench installation.**

**Moved by: Deputy Mayor/Regional and Local Councillor Godwin CHAN**