

Council Meeting
December 18, 2023

Comments Received Regarding Item 15.1

Notice of Motion - Commitment to Community and Global Peace

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 9:47 AM

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Subject: RE Item 15.1: Notice of Motion - Commitment to Community and Global Peace

Dear respected Members of the Council,

As a resident of Oakville and a concerned human being regarding the humanitarian crisis in Gaza – a crisis of catastrophic proportions, as reported by multiple independent organizations such as the WHO, UN, and HRW – I would like to express my gratitude for your commitment to peace and your call for a ceasefire and humanitarian aid to the region.

Secondly, I hope that your message to the Federal Government and other entities emphasizes that the immediate humanitarian ceasefire should be a permanent one. Temporary ceasefires and "pauses" are merely postponements of bloodshed and tragedy.

Lastly, it behooves us, as compassionate human beings, to call for justice for those innocent lives lost in the war due to indiscriminate killing and bombardment from both sides. We must advocate for an intervention and a thorough, independent, non-partisan investigation into the events and war crimes surrounding this conflict, starting from October 7, 2023, until the present time. Until the investigation is concluded, Canada should suspend its weapon exports and military funding to the Israeli army, given the numerous reports of systematic Israeli war crimes in the current events.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Sameh Elgamal