

Council Information Memo

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Nadia Chandra, Assistant Town Solicitor and Selena Campbell, Director – Municipal Enforcement

CC: Jane Clohecy, CAO

Date: May 1, 2025

Subject: Potential Protest By-law near Vulnerable Social Infrastructure – Additional information

Comments

Several public submissions were received from individuals and/or organizations that requested their input/expertise/experience be considered on the development of a draft by-law, which are summarized and attached to the staff report: [Potential Protest By-law near Vulnerable Social Infrastructure](#). An additional submission (Appendix A) was received in March 2025 by Vishwa Hindu Parishad of Canada (VHP Canada), which was reviewed and considered by staff, but inadvertently omitted in the staff report.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad of Canada

VHP Canada submitted a letter in support of a protest by-law and provides comments regarding the need for a clear definition of restricted protests, concerns with allowing peaceful protests against foreign governments at places of worship and suggests prohibitive penalties for repeat offences.

Additionally, two further submissions by individuals, that had provided earlier submissions summarized in the staff report, as well as a further submission by VHP Canada were received and considered by staff in April 2025. These further submissions are attached collectively as Appendix B.