Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council

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HIPC partners call for a collective response to white supremacist organizing and anti-immigrant hate in Hamilton

Hamilton, ON - The Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC) condemns Saturday's white supremacist demonstration calling for "mass deportation" in downtown Hamilton. This incident is part of a broader pattern of documented hate and intimidation that demands a response from our entire community.

When white supremacist groups gather in public spaces to promote the removal of our neighbours, they are doing more than expressing a message. The consequences reach beyond the demonstration itself.

Our response must be firm, but it must also help de-escalate. We have a shared responsibility to prevent further intimidation, support the people and communities being targeted, and protect public spaces as places where everyone can participate safely. That means rejecting hate when we see it, but also doing the harder work of addressing the inequality and insecurity that make scapegoating appealing.

HIPC partners have spent the past year challenging hate-motivated intimidation, speaking out against far-right organizing and advocating for stronger protections for migrant and newcomer communities. This work is grounded in a simple principle: belonging cannot depend on where someone was born, how long they have lived here or whether others believe they deserve to be here.

Hamilton is home to people from all over the world. Our response to division must be to build a city where everyone can live with dignity, contribute and feel safe. That requires more than words of condemnation. It requires leadership, solidarity and a commitment to addressing the conditions that allow hate to take hold.

We will not address the challenges facing Hamilton by turning our neighbours against one another. We must confront inequality, not scapegoat people.

We encourage all Hamiltonians to take action by using and sharing the following community resources:

- **The Hamilton Anti-Hate Toolkit and Belonging Pledge** offers practical tools to understand, prevent, and respond to hate, and to affirm our collective commitment to belonging.
- **The Hamilton for All Campaign** is a citywide public education campaign that amplifies newcomer voices and promotes public dialogue on inclusion, anti-racism, and shared community values.

- **The Hamilton Together Campaign** is a citywide campaign that aims to connect residents with resources to recognize hate, report incidents and find support.
- **The We Support Hamilton** is a community driven hate reporting tool to better understand hate incidents in the greater Hamilton area
- **The Reporting Hate, Finding Support – A Toolkit for Communities** outlines some key building blocks to reporting and recording hate, while providing support to victims and communities in Canada.
- **Report a Crime | Hamilton Police Service** allows people to report a crime through a virtual portal that is reviewed by the Hamilton Police Service.
    - Call 911 if there is an immediate threat to someone's safety, and call 905-546-4925 for non-emergency incidents.
- **The We're Better Together Campaign** aims to strengthen and reinforce a fair and welcoming immigration system that serves everyone in Canada.

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About HIPC

The Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC) is a community table that brings together more than 30 local organizations that have a role to play in creating a welcoming community for newcomers to Canada. HIPC's Community Plan 2025-2028 has a vision for Hamilton as a welcoming community where newcomers have a positive settlement experience and feel a sense of belonging. HIPC is funded by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada and housed in the City of Hamilton's Economic Development Division.

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