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FOR INQUIRIES: **PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.**

April 2, 2004

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
P.O. Box 147
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: RESOLUTION ON ZERO TOLERANCE OF ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALISM

I am writing to advise you that Vaughan Council, at its meeting held on March 29, 2004, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the City of Vaughan has recently experienced acts of vandalism to private property in the community of Thornhill;

AND WHEREAS these acts of vandalism are anti-Semitic hate crimes that clearly target the Jewish community;

AND WHEREAS this anti-Semitic vandalism is a crime against the entire community and is offensive to all residents of the City of Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS Vaughan Vision 2007 commits the City of Vaughan to promoting a safe and livable environment and improving community safety through design, prevention, enforcement and education;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Vaughan supports the objectives of the Community Relations Committee and the Safe City Committee to promote the fulfillment of human rights, to promote mutual trust and respect among Vaughan's diverse community groups and the institutions and agencies serving them; and to support initiatives to maintain and enhance community safety;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan supports the activities of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada to raise public awareness of racism and to eliminate hate crimes in the community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Vaughan publicly denounces all acts of anti-Semitic vandalism and declares zero tolerance of hate crimes against any member of our community and calls upon the legal authorities to prosecute the perpetrators of hate crimes to the full extent of the law;

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AND THAT the Council of the City of Vaughan directs the City Clerk to communicate this resolution to area municipalities, the Region of York, York Region Police and the Province of Ontario.

Attached for your information is **Item 26, Report No. 29** of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter.

Sincerely,



J. Leach
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2004

Item 26, Report No. 29, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 29, 2004.

26 RESOLUTION ON ZERO TOLERANCE OF ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALISM

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of Mayor Di Biase and Councillor Kadis, dated March 22, 2004, be approved; and**
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Denis Tolson, 128 Rosedale Heights Drive, Vaughan, L4J 4V9, on behalf of B'nai Brith Canada, be received.**

Recommendation

Mayor Michael Di Biase and Councillor Susan Kadis recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

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Purpose

To adopt a Council resolution that reaffirms the City of Vaughan's commitment to promote understanding and harmony in the community and the fulfillment of human rights.

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Background - Analysis and Options

This Council resolution is intended to raise public awareness of racism and hate crimes, and demonstrate Council's support, on behalf of all residents of the City of Vaughan, of the York Region Police and those community groups dedicated to promoting human rights and eliminating hate crimes against Canadians, whatever their religion or ethnicity.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This resolution is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council through the Vaughan Vision 2007 to promote a safe and livable environment and improve community safety through design, prevention, enforcement and education.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Vaughan Council adopt a resolution on the City of Vaughan's zero tolerance of anti-Semitic vandalism.