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**Subject:** Combatting Antisemitism motion - Town of Newmarket

Dear Members of the Town of Newmarket Council,

I am writing as a resident of Newmarket to express my support for the Council's efforts to address antisemitism and to urge that this issue be elevated through a formal call to higher levels of government for more comprehensive and coordinated action.

Antisemitism is a serious and longstanding form of hatred that continues to affect individuals, families, and communities across Canada. Its presence undermines social cohesion, threatens public safety, and erodes the shared values of inclusion, dignity, and mutual respect that are essential to healthy democratic communities. While its impacts are often felt locally, the drivers and consequences of antisemitism extend far beyond municipal boundaries.

I recognize that municipalities play an important role in fostering safe and welcoming communities. At the same time, addressing antisemitism effectively requires leadership, resources, and policy tools that lie primarily with provincial and federal governments. This includes clear and consistent public leadership, effective data collection and enforcement of existing laws, education and prevention initiatives, and sustained support for communities affected by hate and discrimination.

A coordinated, whole-of-government approach is essential to ensure that responses to antisemitism are consistent, evidence-based, and proportionate to the seriousness of the issue. By formally calling on senior levels of government to take stronger and more decisive action, Council can help ensure that local concerns are acknowledged and addressed within broader strategies and frameworks.

I appreciate the Council's willingness to consider this matter and its commitment to upholding the safety and well-being of all residents. A clear statement, coupled with advocacy directed to higher levels of government, would send an important message that antisemitism has no place in our community and that combating it requires shared responsibility and sustained action.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Ilya Gilin  
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