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Hello,

I would like to present a delegation at an upcoming Haldimand County Council meeting. I will give an update regarding the successful collaboration that occurred this past April and May, between Haldimand OPP Detachment Staff, Haldimand County Administration Staff and the Haldimand-Norfolk Pride Event 2019 Safety Team. I am grateful that, working together, we were able to minimize hate-mongering 'preachers'/'protesters' efforts to traumatize community members.

I would also like to begin a conversation between Council, Administration, OPP and community members regarding the peace-disturbing, business-disrupting, community-intimidating 'preachers'/'protesters' from Hamilton, Ottawa and Toronto who have been gathering weekly in Dunnville recently to harass and slander community members and block access to sidewalks (including wheelchair access points), benches and businesses with amplified discriminatory speech and signage.

Respectfully, I'd like to suggest we look for ways to deny these bigots access for sharing their amplified hateful views in Haldimand County's public spaces. In the summer of 2018, in response to 'street preachers' in London Ontario, City Council passed an amendment to the Public Nuisance By-Law to address "unnecessary interference with the use and enjoyment of public space as a result of abusive or insulting language". The amendment allowed the By-Law to apply in situations where being subjected to abusive and insulting language could interfere with a person's use and enjoyment of public space. That's a start.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-street-preachers-charged-1.5067761>

Thank you,
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