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**Re: St. Catharines Anti-Racism Committee – Six Nations Land Defenders Motion  
Our File 35.2.2**

At its meeting held on October 19, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Six Nations land defenders are protecting their treaty-based rights from development proceeding without a negotiated settlement of claims and meaningful consultation; and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines has recognized its municipal responsibilities and roles under the Calls to Action of the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have arrested a researcher and a St. Catharines-based journalist merely for their activities covering the dispute; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council in neighboring Haldimand have issued a statement advocating police action instead of negotiations, and the Haldimand County Police Services Board has likened the land defenders to terrorists, which is a dangerous escalation considering past history such as the Ipperwash Crisis where Dudley George was killed by police;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council support its Anti-Racism Advisory Committee's recommendations, namely that City Council send a message to the Ontario and Haldimand County governments and the Haldimand County Police Services Board that police should not be used to escalate the conflict and instead nation to nation negotiations and meaningful consultations should be used to settle all claims.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1506.



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