



## **MOTIONS FROM JUNE 18, 2021 - OBCM**

### **CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO, TERROR ATTACK**

MOVED by Mayor Crombie (Mississauga)

Seconded by Mayor Lehman (Barrie)

Ontario's Big City Mayors wish to strongly condemn the act of terrorism that occurred on June 6, 2021, and express our sincere condolences to the Afzaal family. We stand united with Mayor Holder of London and his community. We are only too aware that hate and islamophobia are present in Ontario, and collectively we condemn all forms of racism and islamophobia and encourage participation in anti-Islamophobia events and activities.

CARRIED

### **KAMLOOPS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL UNMARKED BURIAL SITE DISCOVERY**

MOVED by Mayor Bigger (Greater Sudbury)

Seconded by Mayor Guthrie (Guelph)

Whereas in May 2021, the remains of 215 children were found in unmarked burial sites at the Kamloops Indian Residential School;

Whereas we join with the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation and Indigenous communities and individuals across the country in mourning these 215 lives;

Whereas our communities recognize the importance of and support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.

Therefore, OBCM expresses condolences and offer our support to the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation, and we commit to continuing to support our local indigenous communities and organizations through addressing the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We support the funding of searches of all former residential school sites and the proposed Day of Mourning.

CARRIED

### **MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS POSITION PAPER**

MOVED by Mayor Canniff (Chatham-Kent)

Seconded by Mayor Meed Ward (Burlington)



Whereas the intersecting crises of mental health and addictions have worsened during COVID, including rising numbers of overdose and suicide deaths;

Whereas the OBCM Mental Health Working Group has prepared a policy paper with recommendations to upper levels of government, including bold steps designed to address both the current crises and its root causes;

Therefore, OBCM receives and endorses the policy direction as stated within the submitted paper and looks forward to working with the upper levels of government to implement these recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY**

MOVED by Mayor Collier (Ajax)

Seconded by Mayor Lehman (Barrie)

WHEREAS *Ontario Regulation 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure* requires municipalities to have sustainable funding mechanisms for key assets in place by 2024;

AND WHEREAS the most equitable funding option available to municipalities is user fees, which according to common interpretation of the *Municipal Act, 2006*, must be levied on a utility bill;

AND WHEREAS many lower-tier municipalities are inhibited in their ability to levy appropriate user fees because utilities do not fall within their jurisdiction, or due to a lack of appetite or cooperation from local utility partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Ontario's Big City Mayors request that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) discuss constructive, long-term solutions to this roadblock with the Province of Ontario on behalf of all municipalities; and
2. That OBCM support AMO and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)'s calls to the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada about predictable, sustainable funding opportunities to address municipal infrastructure needs.

CARRIED