

WHEREAS the Indigenous Peoples of Canada's emotional toll brought to light by the unbalanced historical representation within the Prime Ministers Path, and specifically the Sir John A. Macdonald statue located on Wilmot Township property on the lands of the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga peoples, requires an open and transparent dialogue to address concerns, generational suffering and factual historical omissions.

AND WHEREAS all stakeholders and partners of the Prime Ministers Path Project, and specifically the Sir John A. Macdonald statue have a collective responsibility to uphold the Township's commitment to stand with all peoples who have, and continue to experience oppression and marginalization as per the Township's unified anti-racism statement issued in a Township newsletter on July 2, 2020 and a media release on June 23, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Wilmot hereby directs staff of the Township of Wilmot to immediately pause any further investment and expansion of the Prime Ministers Path until a sufficient, thorough, respectful and transparent consultation process is completed with accountability that adheres to the calls to action set out in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Principles of Reconciliation. The consultation process must create a safe place for all to have constructive discussions that do not infringe upon anyone's rights stipulated in The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to immediately relocate the statue of Sir John A Macdonald from the front lawn of Wilmot Township to a location that does not harm any members of the Indigenous community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff discuss appropriate locations with the Indigenous community and report back on a relocation strategy that includes Wilmot Townships commitment to the calls to action set out in the Truth & Reconciliation.

WHEREAS given the responsibility we have as elected officials, in the Township of Wilmot to listen and respect all residents, and specifically Indigenous peoples on this matter to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to remedy past wrongs and to dutifully commit to a path of reconciliation, be it resolved that an Indigenous consultant, who will be provided an honorarium for contributing their expertise to this report, will be contracted and two(2) members of Wilmot Council will be part of the Indigenous consultant appointment process.

AND, Wilmot Township staff will meet as required with the consultant and Indigenous groups of the community and other identified marginalized group and a member of the Prime Ministers Path Project Committee in a transparent consultation process that is implemented with accountability and where all members have equal rights, privileges, and obligations to have a beneficial dialogue to discuss concerns, generational suffering and factual historical omissions.

AND, to efficiently aid the process and to prevent further trauma to the Indigenous community who previously provided input on these statues, the comments and reports from the University

of Wilfrid Laurier and the City of Kitchener will be entered as relevant material for inclusion in the final report along with transcripts of Indigenous delegates' presentations to council during the July 13, 2020 Township of Wilmot Council Meeting and all presentations from Createscape Waterloo Region.

AND FURTHER that all Wilmot Township data gathered from Prime Ministers Path school group post-visit surveys tracking usage and educational value, tourism impact surveys assessing benefits to local businesses, donated-land asset financial reports ensuring continued return on investment to Wilmot Township's residents as well as overall tourism and educational benefits cited as the fundamental basis for installing the Prime Ministers Path Project, and specifically the Sir John A. Macdonald statue be submitted as relevant material for inclusion in the Indigenous consultant's presentation and staff's final report to council.

FURTHER, that all Indigenous groups who accept the invitation will be provided an honorarium for contributing their expertise to the resulting report.

AND WHEREAS, the Indigenous consultant will conduct and carry out sufficient research, then present their findings in open council outlining any recommendations at the March 1, 2021 Council meeting, unless council is notified in advance of the need for an extension, that includes following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Principles of Reconciliation upon which staff will be directed to produce a report for council's consideration for action.