



CITY OF LANGLEY

MOTION

Call for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza and Call to End Canada's Complicity in Both the Ongoing Genocide in Gaza and in the Occupation of Palestine as a Whole

– Councillor Wallace

WHEREAS as of March 7th, 2024, 1139 Israelis have been killed and 8730 injured and 30,800 Palestinians have been killed (70% of whom are women and children) and 72,298 injured in the ongoing genocide in Gaza;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian government exports tens of millions of dollars of arms to Israel annually (\$26 million worth from Oct-Dec 2023 alone) which have contributed to the killing and injuring of countless innocent Palestinian lives and destruction of basic infrastructure in both Gaza and the West Bank both before and during this genocide;

AND WHEREAS Canada has been hesitant to accept in full the International Court of Justice's ruling that Israel is plausibly committing genocide thereby giving protection to Israel at the international level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley write a letter to the Prime Minister urging the Canadian government to:

- Call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza;
- Stop all trade in military goods and technology with Israel;
- Support South Africa's case against Israel at the International Court of Justice regarding Israel's violations of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;
- Ensure Canadians trapped in Gaza can reach safety in Canada and lift the arbitrary cap of 1,000 temporary resident visa applications;
- Provide humanitarian and financial aid to Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank;

- Support the prosecution of all crime and violations of international law committed in the region;
- Advocate for an end to the decades-long occupation of Palestinian territories;
- Officially recognize the State of Palestine;
- Acknowledge that multiple human rights organizations have determined that Israel is practicing apartheid. These organizations include Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and B'Tselem;
- End Canada's support for US/UK bombings of Yemen for their support of Palestine.