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Presentation Topic

Agenda Item 5.3: Motion – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Damaging Impacts of Hate and Intolerance

Presentation includes slides

No

Previously presented topic

No

Presentation Details

I would like to speak in support of this motion. In my experience, the rising levels of hate and intolerance have absolutely had a detrimental effect on our community as a whole. It is keeping many people from running for politics and for even engaging in politics. I would like to see a public education program implemented, and a clear code of conduct for citizens. I know the city of Elliot Lake discussed a citizen code of conduct at one time and I'm looking in to where that stands currently. Our elected officials and representatives should never be subject to abuse and harassment as a result of their position. People need to be able to engage with their representatives, but tolerating threatening messages and emails, having people protesting outside your home, having your windows broken, or your family threatened should never be considered "part of the job" and we as a community can not sit by and allow this to continue. I'd really like to see all of the local municipalities include some guidelines about acceptable ways to engage and what to do when you disagree with your local representatives. For example, protesting is fine; protesting at someone's house crosses the line and we need to clearly and publicly describe where those lines are and what the consequences are if they are crossed.

Video Consent

Yes

