

April 6, 2026

Mayor Patrick Brown
City of Brampton
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Dear Mayor Brown,

Established in 1875, B'nai Brith Canada has been this country's longest-serving human rights organization. We challenge antisemitism and all forms of hatred with resolve. We provide essential food and housing assistance to communities across the country. And we stand firm, without hesitation, wherever human rights are on the line, turning our principles into action every single day.

B'nai Brith Canada is deeply concerned about the City of Brampton's adoption of the Apartheid Free Communities Pledge on March 11, 2026, and the supplementary staff report that is presently on the April 8, 2026, Council agenda.

The Staff Review of the Apartheid Free Communities Pledge, the outcome of which will have potentially deleterious effects on the Jewish community in Brampton and across the country, is to be tabled to be received on April 8th. April 8th is the seventh day of the Passover holiday (Shvi'i Shel Pesach). The seventh day of Passover is a Yom Tov, on which Jewish individuals abstain from working and participate in religious observances and festivities to commemorate the exodus from Egypt.

By receiving the report on April 8th, Council we be denying Jewish Bramptonians, and members of the broader Jewish community, the opportunity to depute before Council on the findings of the report. Once again denying them the ability to participate in the democratic process and to inform Council of the potential impact the receiving of the report will have on their lives and their community. The inability to attend and to participate in the Council process will serve only to further silence Jewish voices within your City.

At a time when Canada's Jewish community is experiencing an unprecedented surge in antisemitism and Jewish institutions are under attack, Brampton City Council, under your leadership, chose to endorse a campaign that will only deepen division, foster antisemitism, and further marginalize members of the local Jewish community. Equally troubling is that the endorsement was advanced in a manner that prevented Jewish members of the community from meaningfully voicing their concern. The lack of consultation with the mainstream Jewish community, as well as the eleventh-hour addition of Councillor Toor's motion to the March 11th

agenda prohibited the Jewish community, including Jewish Bramptonians, from deputing before Council and therefore exercising their democratic rights.

The City of Brampton should be focused on fostering cohesion, protecting residents, and ensuring that every community member feels safe and respected. Instead, Council has aligned the city with a polarizing international antisemitic campaign that risks exacerbating tensions in an already difficult moment. We urge you to rescind your support for the Apartheid Free Communities Pledge and to bring forth a motion that will delay the receiving of the report to a date on which the Jewish community can attend to exercise its democratic rights and participate in the public process.

We thank you in advance for giving our correspondence the due consideration it deserves and look forward to your response by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Sincerely,



Simon Wolle
Chief Executive Officer
B'nai Brith Canada