



# Intimate Partner Violence Policy Paper

Take A Stand Community Consultations

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

# Meet the Presenters!

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# Welcome!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to participate.

- For the past year, an entirely youth-led team of 50 students has been researching and writing policy recommendations for two pertinent social issues
- Our Approach
  - Trauma Informed
  - Gender Informed
  - Anti-Colonization
  - Anti-Opressive

# Paper Overview

- Principles
- Concerns
- Recommendations
- Limitations



# CONCERNS OUTLINED IN THE PCR PAPER

- *The COVID-19 Pandemic*
- *Intimate Partner Violence Education*
- *Intimate Partner Violence in the LGBTQ2+ Community*
- *Indigenous and Racialized Communities*
- *Equitable Treatment Options*
- *Police-Public Relations, Policy and Legislation*

# *Meet the Presenters*

*Richelle Furtado, Legislative Committee Delegate*

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# Our Principles

*Principles serve as the foundation and guiding statements behind our recommendations.*



Principle: All people have the right to be protected from intimate partner violence in all its forms.

Principle: All people must have equitable access to intimate partner violence support systems.

Principle: Policies that address intimate partner violence must be intersectional, considering key factors like socioeconomic status, race, gender, culture, sexuality, and ability.

Principle: Policies should consider intimate partner violence in all its forms, including but not limited to physical, mental, psychological, and financial violence.

Principle: Policies that address intimate partner violence must use a harm reduction framework and approaches to intimate partner violence should be gender-informed, trauma-informed, anti-oppressive, and anti-colonialism.

Principle: Policies that address intimate partner violence should recognize that these situations are nuanced and multidimensional.

# Our Concerns

*Our concerns highlight key facets of the issue where we believe the most reform is required.*



Concern: Policies relating to intimate partner violence do not offer support to those affected in secondary and tertiary forms like children.

Concern: Existing awareness campaigns contribute to the racialization of intimate partner violence and do not focus enough on the voices of marginalized peoples or the concept of consent.

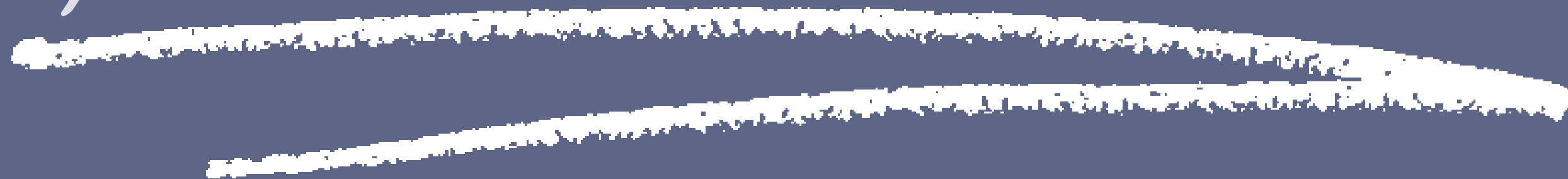
Concern: Currently, there is little to no policy or programming available for LGBTQ2+ Bramptonians who are survivors of intimate partner violence.

Concern: Intimate partner violence services, particularly those available during the pandemic do not consistently consider the needs of diverse populations. These services are also severely underfunded.

Concern: Police-Public relations, particularly in racialized communities and existing legislation are both deterrents to the reporting of intimate partner violence.



Recommendations





# ● Intimate Partner ● Violence in Education ● Recommendations

- Existing intimate partner violence awareness campaigns should continue, however, statistical data about the impacts of these campaigns should also be collected
- The City of Brampton should attempt to offer specific programming for consent education marketed particularly towards City youth



# Intimate Partner Violence in the LGBTQ<sub>2+</sub> Community

## Recommendations

- Increased representation of the LGBTQ<sub>2+</sub> community in intimate partner violence services
- Increased representation of the LGBTQ<sub>2+</sub> community in campaigns that aim to eliminate intimate partner violence
- Include resources for members of the LGBTQ<sub>2+</sub> community seeking aid for intimate partner violence
- Have specific policies that ensure women's shelters are safe spaces for trans women
- Provide police officers with the necessary training to handle cases involving LGBTQ<sub>2+</sub> people



# ● Indigenous and Racialized Communities Recommendations

- The City of Brampton should place emphasis on the steps outlined by the Federal Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- The City should collaborate with grassroots and community leaders to create a direct liaison between the community and the authorities
- Educational workshops and guest speakers should be strategically placed at accessible locations like schools, colleges and community recreation centres
- Efforts to combat the racialization of domestic violence should be led by professionals from the racial communities





# Equitable Treatment Options Recommendations

- Treatment options should genuinely reflect the needs of survivors
- Geographical barriers to treatment should be eliminated
- Work towards developing and implementing updated city-wide training programs for treatment staff
- Increased number of shelters and various treatment options throughout the City
- The City should evaluate the success of recent policies like the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.



# Police-Public Relations and Policy Recommendations

- Have City-wide townhalls and consultation events to discuss important subjects relating to police intervention and its impact on racialized communities
- City should continue to improve relations between police officers and the community

*Limitations*



# Limitations of our Current Policy Paper

- There is no dedicated discussion to individuals with disabilities
- The paper does not highlight the voices of Indigenous community organizers





# ***Thank you!***

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- ***any questions?***

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