

8. Much of the work to protect and shield our community from racism, discrimination and antisemitism happens at the level of municipal government;
9. Statistics Canada reports that Jewish people are the most frequently targeted ethno-cultural group when it comes to police-reported hate crimes, with such crimes taking place once every 24 hours in Canada;
10. Antisemitism can only be overcome by education, increased awareness, strong political condemnation, and enforcement of relevant laws anchored in the IHRA definition as a clear means of identifying hatred toward Jews;
11. According to the 2011 civic census, over 8,000 people of Jewish faith currently reside in Calgary including Holocaust Survivors and families of Survivors; and
12. Research affirms that Holocaust education and awareness promotes empathy for the suffering of others, and demonstrates a willingness to intervene on their behalf when antisemitic and other acts of hatred occur; a greater openness to diverse perspectives, as well as honouring the memory of the millions who suffered and died during the Holocaust.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The City of Calgary formally recognize, commemorate and proclaim January 27th as our annual city-wide International Holocaust Remembrance Day;
2. Administration explore the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) non-legally binding working definition of 'antisemitism' and make recommendations to Council.