

Draft Official Statement for Consideration by Goderich Town Council
Re: Denunciation of Nazi and neo-Nazi Ideologies
MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2024

Whereas the Town of Goderich offers no safe harbour for hate;

And whereas the Town of Goderich strives for a world in which all people are free to pursue joyous lives without fear of harassment, cruelty, or violence;

And whereas the Town of Goderich celebrates and cherishes diversity, inclusion, compassion, and courage;

And whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to the goal of fostering a welcoming and caring community by strengthening a sense of belonging among everyone who makes Goderich home, as outlined in the 2024-2027 Strategic Action Plan;

And whereas the Town of Goderich has taken specific actions and implemented programs to cultivate a sense of belonging for all residents, including the painting of the Pride crosswalk, providing support for public organizations through the Community Grants program, creating Welcome packages for new residents, enhancing accessibility throughout the Town, and organizing public awareness campaigns on key social issues through the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

And whereas in irreconcilable contrast, Nazi and neo-Nazi ideologies seek the commission of harassment, cruelty, and violence against people based on age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed, disability, family status, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich unequivocally denounces Nazi and neo-Nazi ideologies in all their original and modern forms.