

Re: August 4, 2025 Peace Walk

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CC

Date Friday, 18 July 2025 at 10:39

Dear Janice,

We are disappointed to learn of the Town's position on this matter. We remain firm in our stance: we cannot, in good conscience, waive the fundamental human rights of our friends, neighbours, and loved ones who may wish to publicly demonstrate their commitment to peace, inclusion, and community well-being.

We also struggle to identify any legal basis that would grant us the authority to waive the Charter rights of community members—particularly without their knowledge or consent.

It saddens us that the Town continues to insist on a wholesale surrender of human rights as a prerequisite for celebrating those very same rights on Town land.

We believe this document is designed to have a chilling effect on civic engagement—an especially troubling stance given the gravity of the situation we face. Proponents of white supremacist and neo-Nazi ideologies are emboldened by silence. By imposing this intentional barrier to civic participation, the Town is effectively asking us to remain silent.

For us and many others in our community, silence is not an option.

On December 6, 2024, in response to one of your emails, I invited you to collaborate with No Hate in Huron to bring educational opportunities to our community. I expressed my excitement at the prospect of working together. Unfortunately, I did not receive a response.

We remain committed to fostering productive communication and collaboration with the Town of Goderich, as pledged by Council on October 21, 2024.

On August 4, we will gather to celebrate all that we've accomplished together—our community's courage, our allies' solidarity, and the peaceful resistance that continues to grow in Huron County.

If the Town has taken any concrete and meaningful steps to address the rise of neo-Nazi and white supremacist ideologies in our community, we would be thrilled to recognize them during our celebration.

Best regards,

Patrick Corvyn

No Hate in Huron