



General Guidelines on Political Issues

Diversity Thunder Bay works towards a diverse, inclusive, equitable community free of racism and discrimination of any kind.

In line with our mission, Diversity Thunder Bay would like to see our political leaders, at all governmental levels, closely abide by the following when devising policies and conducting themselves here and abroad, and when dealing with official representatives and citizens from different countries:

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Internationally recognized standards, international treaties, and obligations that Canada is signatory to

The Charter of the United Nations

The United Nations Resolutions

The Geneva Conventions and international law

Furthermore, we would like to see our leaders working closely with the United Nations, internationally recognized humanitarian organizations on peacekeeping and peace building missions throughout the globe, and continue to contribute to the creation of a just and equitable world.



The War on Gaza

We therefore strive within DTB to sincerely follow these democratic and humanitarian principles mentioned above and to stand for justice, peace and against violence, especially when directed against civilians, regardless of who the civilians are. So, in relation to the current violence, with the **War on Gaza**, we expect our political leaders to do the following:

Act in accordance with these internationally recognized standards, and human rights principles, and call immediately for cease fire to end the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza and Israel.

Allow humanitarian aid to Civilians in Gaza.

Take concrete steps towards ending the occupation of Palestinians in Gaza, the West bank and East Jerusalem – to eliminate the violence once and for all, and – be in the lead as an honest broker to achieving peace in the region.

In the meantime, our governments should ***“consider including calls for Israel to grant Palestinians in the occupied territory civil rights at least equal to those it grants its own citizens”****.

Finally, Canada should act on the reports and recommendations of the **human rights organizations** (see Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Al Haq, and B’Tselem).

***Human Rights Watch Report: A Threshold Crossed:**

Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution (April 27, 2021)

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2021/04/27/threshold-crossed/israeli-authorities-and-crimes-apartheid-and-persecution>

<https://www.diversitythunderbay.ca/what-we-do/policies/>