



GEORGINA

Statement

Town of Georgina Communications Division
communications@georgina.ca



For Immediate Release

March 22, 2022

Anti-racism statement from Mayor Quirk following vandalism at park

Georgina, ON – I am shocked and disgusted to share that York Regional Police are investigating racist and lewd images that were spray painted at Garrett Styles Park overnight. The images span a large area, covering both the ground and play equipment.

This park is in memory of fallen York Regional Police officer Garrett Styles, representing a safe place for children and families to gather. Racism does not belong there, or any other place in our community. Racism in any form is unacceptable and is not consistent with our community's core values. We are committed to creating a Town that promotes tolerance and respect for everyone. Through the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, the Town is working to promote mutual trust and respect among the Town's diverse community groups.

We all have a role in combatting racism, and we must use our voices and take actions when we see it. I urge anyone with information, including footage from home security systems, to contact YRP 3 District Criminal Investigations at 905-830-0303, ext. 7341.

-30-

Media Contact: Tanya Thompson | Communications Manager | Office of the CAO
Phone: 905-476-4305, Ext. 2446 | Email: tathompson@georgina.ca | georgina.ca