

Monday April 23, 2018

Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor Committee
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Dear Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor Committee,

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE HONDURAS RIGHTS MONITOR

At its regular meeting of the April 18, 2018, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Allen
Seconded by: Councillor Ritchie

Whereas the November 26, 2017 election in Honduras has been widely recognized as having many irregularities; and

Whereas the election was condemned by many agencies, including the Organization of American States and the European Union Electoral Observation Missions, which reported voting irregularities, errors and systemic problems in the electoral process; and

Whereas the Juan Orlando Hernandez government responded with a massive crackdown and abolition of human rights after tens of thousands of Hondurans took to the streets to protest the election and demand democracy; and

Whereas the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has found the Honduran security forces used excessive and lethal force, possibly amounting to extra-judicial killings, to control and disperse protests since November's disputed presidential election; and

Whereas Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, has called upon the Honduran authorities to reinstate constitutional rights and guarantees and uphold democratic principles, human rights and the rule of law.

Therefore Springwater Council calls upon Canada's federal government:

To stand by its stated position in support of human rights and the rule of law in Honduras; and

Urgently intervene in the case of Edwin Espinal, the spouse of Karen Spring of Elmvale, arrested January 19, 2018 on trumped up charges in the wake of popular protests; and

Immediately ensure that the Hernandez government release Espinal and more than 30 other political prisoners now being held in inhumane conditions in military prisons throughout Honduras.

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

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<https://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members>

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Carried

Regards,

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Township of Springwater Clerk

cc.

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