

**Notice of Motion  
Toronto City Council  
November 6-8**

**Falun Gong Practices in Canada and in The People's Republic of China**

WHEREAS, Falun Gong is a peaceful and non-violent form of personal belief and is practiced by millions of adherents inside and outside China and thousands in Canada, and;

WHEREAS, Canadian citizen Kunlun Zhang, former McGill University art professor was sentenced to three years in a labour camp without trial when he returned to China just because he openly practiced Falun Gong in a public park (and he was released and came back to Canada thanks to the legal actions taken by the Canadian Government), and;

WHEREAS, a number of Falun Gong members in Canada were interfered with, harassed, followed, and even threatened by strangers. Interference of other forms include threatening phone calls, and public rallies to openly condemn Canadian Falun Gong practitioners in Canada, and;

WHEREAS, female practitioners have been physically and mentally tortured by being stripped, beaten and raped at the Masanjia Labour Camp in China for openly practicing Falun Gong, and;

WHEREAS, the persecution of Falun Gong is a brutal attack on the most fundamental human rights of the freedom of belief, and freedom of expression, and;

WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners volunteer free of charge to teach interested people qualities of truth, compassion, and tolerance, through meditation exercises in public places including parks and community centres, and;

WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners have always resorted to peaceful appeal under such pressure and their events typically include peaceful assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Toronto City Council requests the Federal Government of Canada to request The People's Republic of China to stop persecuting Falun Gong practitioners and to put an immediate end to the practices of torture and direct interference with their activities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Toronto help to protect Falun Gong practitioners rights to legally assemble and organize events in the public places in the City of Toronto, and in Canada.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Chris Korwin-Kucynski