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>>> TONIGHT, ANTI-JEWISH RACISM UNDER THE MICROSCOPE.

>> IT'S IMPORTANT TO DEFINE WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT'S NOT.

>> WHY THE DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM IS UP FOR DEBATE AT CITY HALL.

>>> ALSO TONIGHT, A SYMBOL STIRS ANGER.

>> I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE. I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE.

>> Renee: THE SOCIAL MEDIA POST THAT HAS ONE GROUP CALLING ON THE HEAD OF THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD TO RESIGN.

>>> PLUS, AN INVISIBLE DANGER.

>> I AM CONCERNED THAT PEOPLE CAN GET CANCER FROM THE INJECTION.

>> Renee: AN INVESTIGATION FINDS HUNDREDS OF KILOMETRES OF CEMENT PIPES CONTAINING ASBESTOS.

WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR YOUR HEALTH.

>> Announcer: CTV NEWS LIVE FROM DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG WITH RENEE RODGERS.

>>> GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

FIRE RIPPED THROUGH A FORT ROUGE HOME TONIGHT CAUSING WHAT'S BEING CALLED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE. THE CITY SAYS FIREFIGHTERS WERE CALLED TO A HOME IN THE 400 BLOCK OF ARNOLD AVENUE AROUND 7:30 TONIGHT.

THEY ARRIVED TO HEAVY SMOKE AND FLAMES.

EVERYONE INSIDE GOT OUT SAFELY AND NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

NO DAMAGE ESTIMATE TONIGHT, BUT THE CITY SAYS THERE IS SIGNIFICANT SMOKE, FIRE, AND WATER DAMAGE.

>>> THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS LOOKING TO ADOPT A NEW DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM, BUT THE MOTION AT A CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE IS CAUSING SOME

CONTROVERSY.

THOSE IN FAVOUR SAYING ADDING  
THE DEFINITION PROMOTES  
INCLUSION, WHILE THOSE AGAINST  
IT SAY IT'S CHARGED WITH  
POLITICAL UNDERTONES.

CTV'S MASON DePATIE HAS MORE.

>> CREATED IN 2016, THE  
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE'S WORKING  
DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM HAS  
BEEN ADOPTED BY DOZENS OF  
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE  
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

AND NOW THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS  
LOOKING TO ADOPT IT AS WELL.

>> TO DISCUSS ANTI-SEMITISM UP  
IN THE AIR IS VERY DIFFICULT.

BUT ONCE YOU DEFINE IT, IT  
STARTS TO MAKE SENSE, STARTS TO  
SINK IN.

SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO DEFINE WHAT  
IT IS AND WHAT IT'S NOT.

>> Reporter: THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF  
WINNIPEG WAS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS  
IN FAVOUR OF THE DEFINITION AT  
THE HUMAN RIGHTS IMMEDIATE ON  
MONDAY.

THE MOTION IS MADE WITH INTENT  
TO PRLCOL RESIDENTS OF  
WINNIPEG.

THE WORKING DEFINITION READS,  
ANTI-SEMITISM IS A CERTAIN  
PERCEPTION OF JEWS WHICH MAY BE  
EXPRESSED AS HATRED TOWARDS  
JEWS...

SPEAKERS AGAINST THE DEFINITION  
LIKE DAVID WELLER FROM  
INDEPENDENT JEWISH VOICES  
WINNIPEG SAYS THE DEFINITION'S  
11 EXAMPLES, 7 OF MEANT IN  
ISRAEL, CAN BE USED TO CAUSE  
POLITICAL DISCOURSE.

>> THE GOAL WILL BE TO BAN OR  
CRIMINALIZE OR AT MINIMUM PUT A  
MAJOR CHILL ON BOTH CRITICISM OF  
ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN  
SOLIDARITY ADVOCACY.

>> Reporter: ABOUT A NATE  
BRITT CANADA, AN ORGANIZATION  
THAT TRACKS ANTI-SEMITISM, SAYS  
INCIDENTS ARE ON THE RISE IN  
CANADA -- B'NAI BRITH --

>> MANITOBA EXPERIENCED A HUGE UPSURGE IN 2021 OF ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS.

IT BROUGHT A LOT OF CONCERN TO ELECTED OFFICIALS.

>> Reporter: THE ORGANIZATION SAYS THE CITY OF WINNIPEG DOESN'T NEED TO ADOPT THE DEFINITION SINCE THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT DID THAT IN 2022. ALL THE CITY OF WINNIPEG NEEDS TO DO IS START IMPLEMENTING IT, HE SAYS.

>> PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH THE CITY OF WINNIPEG SHOULD BE GIVEN A COPY OF IT AND IT SHOULD BE AN OFFICER NAMED IN THE CITY WHOSE JOB IT IS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT COME FROM THE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WORKING FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG.

>> Reporter: BUT FOR THOSE IN FAVOUR OF ADOPTING THE DEFINITION, IT'S ANOTHER STEP FOR MORE WELCOMING WINNIPEG.

>> WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE, COMMUNITY GROUPS, YOUTH THAT ARE EXPOSED TO HATE, EVERYTHING YOU DO COUNTS.

EVERY EFFORT MATTERS.

>> Reporter: MASON DePATIE, CTV NEWS, WINNIPEG.

>>> AND TONIGHT THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO ACCEPT THE MOTION AS INFORMATION ALLOWING IT TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH GROUPS IN ATTENDANCE TO STRENGTHEN CITY POLICIES ON RACISM.

>> Renee: A 32-YEAR-OLD MAN IS IN CUSTODY FOLLOWING AN INCIDENT AT A HOTEL IN SELKIRK.

SHORTLY AFTER 10:00 THIS MORNING, RCMP WERE CALLED TO A REPORT A MAN WAS LEANING OUT A WINDOW OF THE LORD SELKIRK HOTEL WITH A LONG GUN.

POLICE IMMEDIATELY BLOCKED OFF THE AREA, CLEARED THE HOTEL, AND PLACED NEARBY BUSINESSES IN A HOLD AN MADE HIS WAY ON TO THE ROOF AND THEY WERE ABLE TO ARREST HIM WHEN HE CAME DOWN.

POLICE FOUND A LONG-BARRELLED PELLET GUN DURING A SEARCH OF HIS ROOM.

THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING.

>>> A POLICE ABDOMEN LISIMSIST GROUP IS CALLING -- ABOLITIONIST GROUP IS CALLING ON A CITY COUNCILLOR TO APOLOGIZE AND STEP DOWN FROM HIS ROLE AS POLICE BOARD CHAIR.

IT COMES AFTER MARCUS CHAMBERS USED WHAT SOME CONSIDER TO BE A DIVISIVE SYMBOL IN A TWEET EARLIER THIS MONTH.

CTV'S DANIELE HAMAMDJIAN EXPLAINS.

>> Reporter: THE USE OF A SYMBOL ON TWITTER BY WINNIPEG'S POLICE BOARD CHAIR IS DRAWING THE IRE OF ONE COMMUNITY GROUP.

>> IT'S REALLY EXEMPLIFIES POLICE HOSTILITY TO THE PUBLIC AND DEMONSTRATES THIS US VERSUS THEM NARRATIVE, WHICH WE THINK IS REALLY HARMFUL.

>> Reporter: IN A TWEET EARLIER THIS MONTH CITY COUNCILLOR MARCUS CHAMBERS INCLUDED AN IMAGE OF A THIN BLUE LINE PATCH WHILE OFFERING HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF TWO EDMONTON POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. AN HOUR LATER CHAMBERS CHANGED THE PICTURE TO AN EDMONTON POLICE BADGE.

>> THE IMAGE THAT WAS SELECTED, I DIDN'T WANT THAT TO BECOME THE STORY.

I WANTED THE EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES, TO THE COMMUNITY TO BE THE STORY.

>> Reporter: HOWEVER, ABOLITIONIST GROUP WINNIPEG POLICE CAUSE HARM SAY THE THIN BLUE LINE IS A PROBLEMATIC SYMBOL POPULARIZED AROUND 2015.

>> THERE'S A LOT OF RESISTANCE TO POLICE VIOLENCE IN THE U.S., THE EMERGENCE OF BLACKCOMB BLACK LIVES MATTER AND BLUE LIVES MATTER.

>> Reporter: KEVIN WALLABY, AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG SAYS THE

IMAGE HAS SINCE BEEN CO-OPTED BY HATE GROUPS.

>> IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO DENOUNCE THIS USE OF THIS SYMBOL, WHICH IS SO CLEARLY INDEXED TO HATE.

AND WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNCILLOR KNOWS THAT, WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY COUNCIL KNOWS THAT, IT'S VERY CLEAR.

IT CANNOT BE DISPUTED AT THIS POINT.

>> Reporter: CHAMBERS SAYS THAT WASN'T HIS INTENTION.

>> THERE ARE STILL THOSE THAT SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT THE INTENT OF IT WAS TO MEMORIALIZE FALLEN OFFICERS.

SO THAT'S THE PERSPECTIVE THAT I USED IT UNDER.

>> Reporter: HOWEVER, WINNIPEG POLICE CAUSE HARM MEMBERS WANT CHAMBERS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

>> SO WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN APOLOGY AND DENOUNCING OF THE SYMBOL AND ALSO COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS TO STEP DOWN AS CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD.

>> I'M IN THE GOING TO APOLOGIZE.

I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE.

AGAIN, THIS IS A STORY ABOUT THE TWO FALLEN OFFICERS, NOT THE INTEREST OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CO-OPTING THIS MESSAGE. THE LOSS OF THESE TWO OFFICERS IN THE COMMUNITY AS THEY WERE ACTIVELY TRYING TO SERVE AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.

>> Reporter: DANIEL HELMERSON, CTV NEWS, WINNIPEG.

>>> THE THIN BLUE LINE IMAGE HAS BEEN DENOUNCED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS AROUND CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING THE RCMP.

CTV NEWS REACHED OUT TO WINNIPEG POLICE FOR COMMENT, BUT WE HAVE NOT HEARD BACK.

>>> AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY IS DEAD FOLLOWING A HOUSE FIRE IN SIOUX VALLEY, DAKOTA NATION.

MOUNTIES SAY THEY RECEIVED A CALL ABOUT A FIRE IN THE

COMMUNITY 35 KILOMETRES WEST OF BRANDON SHORTLY BEFORE 7:00 SATURDAY EVENING. THE BOY WAS PULLED FROM THE HOME AND RUSHED TO HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED.

RCMP SAY FOUR ADULTS AND THREE CHILDREN WERE IN THE HOME WHEN THE FIRE BROKE OUT. THE ONLY OTHER PERSON INJURED WAS A 65-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO RAN INTO THE HOUSE TO HELP GET THE BOY OUT.

SHE REMAINS IN HOSPITAL WITH SERIOUS INJURIES.

THE CAUSE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

>>> WHEN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG REMOVED CERTAIN WATER PIPES IN THE CITY, EXTRA CARE HAS TO BE TAKEN.

THAT'S BECAUSE THE CEMENT HAS ASBESTOS IN IT.

THE FIBRES CAN BE DEADLY IF THEY'RE INHALED, BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY'RE IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

CTV'S JON HENDRICKS REPORTS.

>> Reporter: IN THE 1950s AND '60s, THROUGH TO THE EARLY 1990s, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG USED ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPES ACROSS THE CITY.

>> THE IDEA WITH THE ASBESTOS CEMENT WAS TO GIVE A PIPE MATERIAL THAT HAD BETTER PROTECTION AGAINST CORROSION.

>> Reporter: TODAY WE KNOW ASBESTOS FIBRES CAN BE DEADLY IF INHALED, BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY GET INTO THE WATER AND PEOPLE DRINK THEM?

A "W5" INVESTIGATION HAS FOUND THERE ARE 721 KILOMETRES OF ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPES IN OUR CITY, AND 25% OF THE WATER MAIN NETWORKS ARE ALSO MADE OF THE MATERIAL.

>> I AM CONCERNED THAT PEOPLE CAN GET CANCER FROM THE INJECTION, INCLUDING THROUGH ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER PIPES.

>> Reporter: ARTHUR FRANK, A PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSOR AT

DREXEL UNIVERSITY IN PHILADELPHIA, SAYS HE'S WORRIED IT'S POSSIBLE ASBESTOS CAN CAUSE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT CANCERS EVEN IF THEY'RE BEING INGESTED AND NOT BREATHED IN.

>> THERE IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF AN EXPOSURE TO A CANCER-CAUSING AGENT.

>> Reporter: HEALTH CANADA SAYS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE DRINKING IS ASBESTOS IS HARMFUL TO HUMAN HEALTH.

AND SO THERE IS CURRENTLY NO MAXIMUM LIMIT THAT CAN BE IN CANADIAN WATER.

HOWEVER, BRIAN MASON, HAIR OF THE WATER AND WAYS COMMITTEE -- BRIAN MACE, THE CHAIR OF THE WATER AND WASTE COMMITTEE, SAYS IF THE FIBRE LENGTH IS SHORTER THAN 10 MICRO METRES THEY'RE TOO SMALL TO CAUSE ANY DAMAGE. LONGER ONES ARE DIFFERENT, AND IT WON'T ALLOW MOOR THAN 7 MILLION LONG FIBRES PER LITRE OF WATER.

>> TESTED FOR AN 11-YEAR ARC BETWEEN THE EARLY '80s AND MID-'90s AND WE DIDN'T FIND ANY OF THOSE LONG FIBRES OVER THE WHOLE 11 YEARS. SO THE TESTING WAS DISCONTINUED