

Fw: Room Booking Request

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To: Travis Patron <leadership@nationalist.ca>

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To: travispatron@live.com

Subject: RE: Room Booking Request

Hello Travis,

I'm writing to respond to your last email.

In that email, you raised a question about how the purpose of your proposed event does not meet requirements of the Community and Event Space Rental Policy. Library staff believe there is a reasonable possibility that the proposed event could result in a violation of section 5.4(a)(i) of the Policy. Given the stated platform of the Canadian Nationalist Party (CNP), including its core policy of maintaining "the demographic status of the current European-descended majority", the characterization of the CNP as a white nationalist group in some media reports, and the proposed topics to be discussed at the event, Library staff believe that the purpose of the booking is likely to promote, or would have the effect of promoting, discrimination, contempt or hatred for a group or person on some of the grounds listed in section 5.4(a)(i) of the Policy. The Library cannot allow its facilities to be used to support such activities and we have, therefore, denied the booking on these grounds.

For your information, Library staff checked the official Elections Canada list of federally registered parties as part of the consideration to deny. However, the Canadian Nationalist Party does not appear in the list:

<http://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?dir=par&document=index&lang=e§ion=pol>

In addition, the purpose for the booking request provided was not identified as an official campaign event request from a registered political party. Accordingly, there was no basis to conclude that it has anything to do with "the democratic process of the upcoming election", as you now suggest.

If you wish to have the current decision reviewed, you may submit a written request as per section 5.4(b) of the Community and Event Space Rental Policy: <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/terms-of-use/library-policies/community-and-event-space.jsp>. You may contact the City Librarian (citylibrarian@torontopubliclibrary.ca) to submit such a request. As indicated in section 5.4(b), the decision will be reviewed by the City Librarian, whose decision will be final.

Thank you,

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