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The following is a joint statement from Mayor Boucher and Warden McCarron and their respective councils:

**Antigonish Councils Condemn Racism: Reaffirm Commitment to Inclusivity and Safety for All**

Antigonish is a community built on the values of respect, inclusivity, and diversity. Our town and county are home to people of many nationalities, cultures, and religions, all of whom contribute to the richness and vibrancy of our shared community.

It is with deep concern and sadness that we address incidents of racism targeting our Muslim community members that occurred earlier this summer. Such actions stand in direct opposition to the values that we hold dear. Antigonish is, and always will be, a welcoming community—a place where everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs, is invited to plant roots, grow, and thrive.

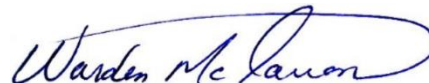
We are committed to ensuring that all our public spaces and neighborhoods are safe, welcoming, and respectful for everyone. Racism and discrimination have no place in our community. We must all stand together to reject hate in all its forms and to support our neighbors, friends, and colleagues from all walks of life.

We call on every resident to uphold the principles of respect, kindness, and understanding that define us as a community. Let us continue to work together to ensure that Antigonish remains a place where diversity is celebrated and where everyone feels valued and at home.

Signed:



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