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Please forward my comments to the Waterloo City Council regarding the Waterloo Police Symbol, the Griffin.

I have been a resident of Waterloo all but one year of my life and I am now over 65 years old. In all this time, I have always had complete respect for the integrity of the Waterloo Police Department. In turn, the use of the Griffin as a symbol of the vigilance represents the respect the citizens of Waterloo continue to have for the police department.

I am indeed puzzled by the recent suggestion that the Griffin represents, or could be construed to represent, the KKK. Any images I have ever seen of the KKK are white gowns and hoods alongside a burning cross.

Based on the standard image of the KKK, my questions are as follows:

- 1) Are we to ban the Harry Potter series, since a Griffin appears and is an important part of one of the movies? Harry Potter actually learns to train and ride one.
- 2) Do we now ask churches to remove the Cross symbol from their buildings and publications due to the KKK's wide use of that symbol? The Griffin symbol goes nearly as far back as the cross, if not further.

As important as the Black Lives Matter movement is, I hope that the Waterloo City Council will chose to focus on what really has significance in achieving the success for that movement in our city. Dredging up far-fetched and honestly unfounded connections not only distract from that success but can very easily harm the unprecedented support the Black Lives Matter movement has created so far.

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