



City of Hamilton

CITY COUNCIL ADDENDUM

21-016

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

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- *10.3. Item 5, Hamilton Tax Increment Grant – 540 King Street East, Hamilton (PED21140(a)/LS21033) of the General Issues Committee Report 21-017

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-section (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021 and Section 239(2), Sub-section (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

Transitional Funding to Secure Short Term Housing Project

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2021 through Report HSC20056(a), Item 10.9, Council authorized and directed the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate to enter into the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Contribution Agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to accept Hamilton's Rapid Housing Initiative Major Cities Stream allocation of \$12,945,935 for the creation of minimum of 49 new affordable housing units;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton continues to look to any and all available funding sources in order to support the projects put forward in the RHI funding stream, including but not limited to federal and provincial homelessness funding;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton recommended and approved through the 2021 Budget process the use of \$950,000 towards the operating costs for housing interventions for women facing homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the timing to secure a project that addresses these priorities requires funding in advance of receiving these funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council approve a grant to a maximum amount of \$21.1M to the selected Cities Stream RHI-2 project to provide housing for women and inclusive of trans-feminine, trans-masculine and non-binary adults facing homelessness.
- (b) That General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be directed and authorized to advance funds to be held in trust by purchaser's solicitor, for the acquisition of the Cities Stream RHI-2 project to a maximum \$9.35M to ensure the timing and receipt of provincial and federal dollars do not prejudice the delivery of the Cities Stream RHI-2 project.
- (c) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement the purchases and grants outlined in Recommendation (a) and (b) on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- (d) That if the Cities Stream RHI-2 project is not approved, that staff report back with an amended financing strategy.

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

Integration of the Encampment Response Strategy into the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan

WHEREAS on August 9, 2021 Hamilton City Council voted in the majority to repeal its Encampment Response Protocol that permitted unhoused individuals to shelter in public spaces for up to 14 days with no more than five tents per location;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton returned to pre-pandemic enforcement levels that prevents anyone from sheltering on city property including public park areas effective August 30, 2021;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton's pre-pandemic enforcement level resides within the domain of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement with support from the Hamilton Police Service;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton recognizes the rise in unsheltered homelessness during COVID-19 continues to highlight ongoing systemic health, social and economic inequities and remains an ongoing concern for the City;

WHEREAS in its Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) Council committed to taking an individualized, person-centred approach to housing by connecting those experiencing homelessness with the available community resources and supports;

WHEREAS HHAP does not include an approach of responding to homeless individuals living in encampments;

WHEREAS Council has acknowledged that homelessness is a gendered experience, impacting single women, trans and non-binary individuals differently than single men or families;

WHEREAS staff advised the City of Hamilton's Emergency and Community Services Committee at their September 9, 2021 meeting of the occupancy pressures that exist, particularly for women, within the city's emergency shelter system and that for some, emergency shelters are not an option;

WHEREAS Council at its February 27, 2019 meeting directed staff to develop and integrate a consistent gender and equity framework, inclusive of all evaluative tools, to the City's Housing and Homelessness Strategy and service delivery;

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples are significantly over-represented among Canada's homeless population as a result of colonization;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has stated that its homeless servicing system must account for the systemic over-representation of Indigenous Peoples experiencing homelessness and aim to design a system that not only responds to Indigenous homelessness but also respects, honours and promotes the strength and resiliency of Indigenous Peoples (Coming Together to End Homelessness, July 2019)

WHEREAS Council through its Urban Indigenous Strategy (2019) is committed to developing and strengthening its relationship with Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS action Item #24 in the City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy Implementation Plan is to enable city staff to deliver city services in a culturally appropriate way;

WHEREAS Indigenous partners have emphasized the importance of policy, planning and program development being Indigenous-led or co-created to ensure that municipal work and outcomes better addresses the needs and well-being of Indigenous communities;

WHEREAS staff were directed to develop an evaluation framework for the encampment response plan at its September 9, 2021 meeting of City of Hamilton's Emergency and Community Services Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to:

- (a) Create a formal encampment response strategy that identifies the goals and objectives that align to the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan
- (b) Identify the outcomes, causes and conditions leading to individuals living in encampments into the evaluative framework to assist the city and our community partners in measuring progress towards the achievement of said goals;
- (c) Ensure Equity and Gender Based Analysis (GBA+) outcomes are identified, tracked and measured in the evaluative framework; and,
- (d) Consult with Indigenous partners to devise principles, protocols and safe practices to follow when engaging with Indigenous Peoples who are unhoused and living in encampments and ensure that these are part of the Encampment Response Strategy and evaluative framework.

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Supporting Community Resilience through the Stirton Tot Lot Community Greenspace Project in Ward 3

WHEREAS the current state of the Stirton Tot Lot, located in Ward 3, is dilapidated, a magnet for illegal dumping, and at it's worst, characterized as a dangerous.

WHEREAS the current state of the lot deters community engagement, and facilitates lateral violence, and harmfully antisocial behavior.

WHEREAS the illegal dumping contains needles, biohazardous and environment waste that is dangerous to wildlife and pedestrians moving through the space.

WHEREAS the site is currently unusable, overlooked, and undervalued, and resident feedback necessitates the need for local, safe, and accessible greenspace.

WHEREAS the site is currently inaccessible to community use and there is need for social infrastructure that facilitates community engagement in the space.

WHEREAS colonization has damaged the Lot's environment creating a urgent need for settlers to acknowledge and utilize sustainable practices to transition the environment back to harmony with local native ecosystems.

WHEREAS the resident-led Stirton Tot Lot Steering Committee will engage in relationship building with community members and continually invite Indigenous and marginalized local people into decision making roles regarding the space.

WHEREAS the Stirton Tot Lot Steering Committee aims to enhance the space and inspire a sense of stewardship, community, and peace.

WHEREAS the Stirton Tot Lot Steering Committee is fiscally sponsored by the Hamilton Naturalists Club

WHEREAS the social infrastructure that will be developed through this project include: a sustainable community garden designed to prioritize native ecologies that supports local pollinators, a community message board that encourages communication, and a mural by a local Indigenous artist which beautifies the space.

WHEREAS this resident-led community project will transform the urban space into usable and socially inclusive common ground for all to enjoy and actively participate in.

WHEREAS the project aims to foster a thriving and diverse natural habitat, that supports a diversity of interconnected species.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$15,000 from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Fund (Account #3301609603) be allocated to the Hamilton Naturalist's Club to assist in covering the costs associated with the Stirton Tot Lot Community Greenspace project; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor