

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Committee Date: August 12, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. PARTRIDGE.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Funding Request – Waterdown Memorial Hall – Consideration to Minister Ted McMeekin

Whereas the Waterdown Memorial Hall located at 317 Dundas Street East in Waterdown is one of only seven war memorial buildings erected in Canada after World War 1 and, as with the creation of most war memorials, was the result of a larger community fundraising effort. And the building itself can be seen as “an expression of the community’s feeling towards those war heroes who lost their lives so we could have freedom”, and plays a significant role as the heart of the Waterdown community;

And Whereas, it has been determined that the 1922 Waterdown Memorial Hall possesses cultural heritage value due to its association with the themes of Canadian military commemoration and the home-front wartime efforts and it is also a good example of the Edwardian Classicist style of architecture and a landmark in the Waterdown community;

And Whereas the total amount needed to restore the heritage features, plus a new glass enclosed entrance and elevator upgrade to allow accessibility is estimated at \$1.4 million, and the City has committed \$600,000 as part of the 2013 capital fund (Community Hall retrofits – 7101341701) for Phase 1 of the multi-phase project to renovate the Waterdown Memorial Hall;

And Whereas efficiencies and cost effectiveness can be gained by bundling work into a single phase project with building the elevator enclosure at the same time.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Council of the City of Hamilton request that the Province of Ontario, through Minister Ted McMeekin’s office, provide Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) toward the Waterdown Memorial Hall Restoration Project, thereby contributing to the community spirit as a partner to this historic memorial building.