

**CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION**

Committee Date: September 4, 2014

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L. FERGUSON

HERMITAGE HERITAGE RUINS, ANCASTER

WHEREAS The Hermitage is a heritage property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act and the ruins are in a state of collapse;

AND WHEREAS the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) has requested a Heritage permit for removal of portions of the ruins;

AND WHEREAS the HCA would prefer to keep the existing structure but lack sufficient funds to complete the work;

AND WHEREAS at the Council meeting of August 15, 2014 the Heritage Permit application was referred to the Ward Councillor to try to find a solution to salvage the existing structure;

AND WHEREAS the HCA is prepared to use the \$200,000 that has been allocated for the demolition for an alternative solution;

AND WHEREAS there has been significant interest in the community to support the restoration of the ruins;

AND WHEREAS it has been suggested the cost of the proper restoration of the Hermitage is in the area of \$600,000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City accept the Hamilton Conservation Authority suggestion to reallocate their \$200,000 to demolish the structure to 1.5 meters above grade be reallocated to repair of the existing structure.
- (b) That the City allocate \$200,000 from Council's Strategic Capital Reserve Account 108022.
- (c) That the balance of funds required to complete the project come from the community.
- (d) That the \$200,000 from the City be contingent on receiving Heritage Permit approval for the restoration of the ruins, including the specifications of the repair method and adequate funds are raised from the community, beyond the City and HCA commitments to finish the project.