

**CITY OF HAMILTON  
MOTION**

**GIC Committee Date: February 4, 2015**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR D. CONLEY.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

**Negotiation with the Hamilton Conservation Authority with respect to a Property Exchange**

WHEREAS, Griffin House, located at 733 Mineral Springs Road, and the surrounding lands is owned by the Hamilton Conservation Authority maintains the land and property;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has partnered with the Authority to provide on-site interpretation at Griffin House and outreach public and school programming throughout the community for 20 years;

AND WHEREAS, Griffin House House is a designated property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, a National Historic Site and a Black History site of considerable importance to Hamiltonians and all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton, through the Heritage Resource Management Section, Tourism and Culture Division, Planning and Economic Development Department, owns and operates five (5) other National Historic sites (Dundurn National Historic Site, Whitehern Historic House and Garden, Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology, Battlefield House Museum ad Park and the Hamilton and Scourge National Historic Site);

AND WHEREAS, at the July 2, 2014 meeting of the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors, the following resolution was passed:

“That the Board of Directors endorses, in principle, the concept of land exchange between the Hamilton Conservation Authority and the City of Hamilton; whereby, the City of Hamilton would acquire approximately 1 acre of land surrounding and including the “Griffin House”, as illustrated in the attached Schedule “B”, in exchange for the Hamilton Conservation Authority acquiring approximately 1.9 acres of City owned lands at Highland Road West, as illustrated in the attached Schedule “A”; and,

That staff be directed to enter into discussions with the City of Hamilton to facilitate the exchange on a revenue neutral basis and return to the Board of Directors for consideration of the results of the negotiations.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Real Estate Section staff be authorized and directed to prepare the documents deemed necessary to execute the revenue-neutral property exchange, between the Hamilton Conservation Authority and the City of Hamilton, of approximately 1 acre of land surrounding and including the National Historical Site known as Griffin House, located at 733 Mineral Springs Road; including contents and artifacts, (as shown on Appendix "B" attached hereto) in exchange for approximately 0.49 acres of City own lands on 339 Highland Road West (as shown on Appendix "A" attached hereto), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.