

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## N O T I C E O F M O T I O N

Council Date: August 14, 2015

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR R. PASUTA.....**

**HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY'S (HCA) APPLICATION TO THE GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND (GMF) FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY – FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL ON STONEY CREEK MOUNTAIN, HAMILTON**

WHEREAS, the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is a program administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) which supports innovative municipal initiatives resulting in a significant environmental impact in municipal brownfields, energy, transportation, waste, or water, or some combination of these sectors. The GMF provides below market rate loans and grants for plans, studies and capital projects;

WHEREAS, residential and commercial property owners within the Stoney Creek watershed have experienced flooding and erosion problems and systematic degradation of the natural environment over many years. Urban encroachment and erosion have had notable impacts along sections of Stoney Creek and Battlefield Creek between the base of the Niagara Escarpment and Queenston Road. Because the area was built up before the 1970's there are very few opportunities left to control flows and reduce the risk of flooding and erosion. Therefore, the last area where we can address some of these concerns is on Stoney Creek Mountain. However, this option will not be available for long as natural features of the land may be lost to fast growing urban encroachment;

WHEREAS, the HCA has submitted an application to the GMF for a Feasibility Study – Flood and Erosion Control on Stoney Creek Mountain, Hamilton anticipating the project's start to be in the first quarter of 2016;

WHEREAS, the HCA has requested a letter of support from the City of Hamilton to submit with its proposal to the GMF no later than September 2015;

WHEREAS, the HCA would need the lead municipality to confirm its funding contribution of at least 10 percent of the initiative's total eligible costs. The HCA is requesting a \$100,000 contribution from the City of Hamilton towards a total project cost of \$429,000;

WHEREAS, the HCA will accommodate the \$100,000 contribution from the City of Hamilton within their requested \$2 million in capital funding from the City forecast in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority have a long standing and successful relationship.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City Council provide a letter of support to the Hamilton Conservation Authority for inclusion as part of the Hamilton Conservation Authority's submission to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for funding from the Green Municipal Fund for the Feasibility Study – Flood and Erosion Control on Stoney Creek Mountain, Hamilton; and
- (b) That the City of Hamilton agree, conditionally on Hamilton Conservation Authority receiving funding for this project from the Green Municipal Fund, to provide \$100,000 in funding from the 2016 City of Hamilton, Hamilton Conservation Authority Capital Contribution (\$2 Million in 2015)