

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

E&CS Date: January 18, 2016

Opportunities to Develop New Affordable Housing with Supports in Hamilton

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREEN.....

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan identifies a target of 300 new affordable rental units developed annually to meet the projected population growth in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, there is already an existing need for good, safe and affordable rental housing in Hamilton as demonstrated by 5,681 households on the City of Hamilton's social housing waitlist, and further exacerbated by increasing rental rates and lowering vacancy rates as reported by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation;

WHEREAS, there are many low income households that require affordable housing with personalized health and social supports so they may live independently and enjoy a positive quality of life;

WHEREAS, there are established community organizations that have demonstrated the ability to develop quality affordable housing with supports for the residents of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, there are major institutions in Hamilton that are interested in partnering with the City of Hamilton and community organizations to develop affordable housing and community supports for target populations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to prepare well in advance for the development of affordable housing and associated supports and it is often a requirement for municipal, federal and provincial capital funding to have "shovel ready" projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Hamilton Housing Services Division staff be directed to work with the City's Procurement Division staff and Planning Division staff to develop a process to establish a roster of non-profit and private developers prepared and qualified to develop new affordable housing with supports in Hamilton in partnership with the City to be able to respond to future and periodic development and capital funding opportunities and report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee detailing the process.