

CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION

E&CS Date: January 18, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Merulla.....

WHEREAS, Section 3.1 of the City’s Housing and Homelessness Action Plan supports the development of different types of housing with personalized supports for individuals with mental health, addictions and health issues and a history of homelessness;

WHEREAS, there is an existing need in Hamilton for more stable and affordable housing options that provide the supports necessary to avoid homelessness and the need to resort to more costly interventions such as the emergency shelter system, emergency health care services and the correctional system;

WHEREAS, Indwell, an established non-profit organization with a strong track record of developing and delivering housing with supports has submitted a proposal to operate Strathearne Suites, a 39 unit permanent supported housing initiative combining affordable housing with flexible onsite supports that contribute to housing and health stability for Hamilton’s most vulnerable residents;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network through St. Joseph’s Healthcare has committed to contributing \$498,981 of annual base funding towards the total annual cost of \$1,057,062 per year to operate Strathearne Suites on the condition that the City of Hamilton also participate in the partnership by contributing annual base funding of \$150,000 to the total cost.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City enter into an agreement with Indwell, the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (“LHIN”) and St. Joseph’s Healthcare to provide annual base funding of \$150,000 for the operation of 39 new units of affordable housing with supports;
- (b) That the City’s initial funding come from the Social Services Initiative Reserve to offset operational costs for the 2016 fiscal year;
- (c) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to execute any agreement required to give effect to resolutions (a) and (b) above, in a form satisfactory to both the City Solicitor and the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services;
- (d) That the Mayor and Clerk be directed to correspond with the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to request an increase to funding to the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative to adequately fund and expand innovated models for supportive housing, such as Strathearne Suites.