

CITY OF HAMILTON

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

Council: May 25, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. JOHNSON.....

Pleasant View Land Acquisition

WHEREAS, the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System (EcoPark) is a collaborative initiative among 9 partner agencies to protect, restore and connect more than 3,900 hectares (9,600 acres) of natural lands in west Hamilton, Dundas, Flamborough and Burlington;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2013 (approved by Council through Report PED08009b /PW12082);

WHEREAS, the natural features of this area include a portion of the Niagara Escarpment, and the lands and waters associated with Cootes Paradise Marsh and Grindstone Creek. These areas are recognized for their significant biodiversity, vistas, and long cultural history;

WHEREAS, over the period 2012-2014, the City of Hamilton has provided \$550,000 in funding to Hamilton Conservation Authority for land acquisition in support of the Cootes and Escarpment Park; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant View acquisition, in support of the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System, represents an \$850,000 investment, of which the City of Hamilton is requested to contribute \$300,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff report back with funding options and potential funding agreement requirements in support of the Cootes to Escarpment Ecopark System.