

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

City Council: July 8, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....

Initiative to Renovate CityHousing Hamilton Units and Pre-Apprenticeship Training for Youth (aged 18-29)

WHEREAS, there are over 5700 Hamilton individuals and families currently on the CityHousing Hamilton waiting list in need of appropriate housing;

WHEREAS, The Threshold School of Building who ran the successful Neighborhood Home Improvement Project will be facilitating the CityHousing Hamilton Improvement Program in partnership with CityHousing Hamilton ;

WHEREAS, recruitment of 10 youth who reside in CityHousing Hamilton units or who are currently in receipt of Ontario Works Benefits will be eligible to apply to the 26 week pre-apprenticeship construction program;

WHEREAS, the lack of stability and quality in housing negatively impacts people, families and young people in particular; and the deferred maintenance of the social housing stock in Hamilton would require approximately \$200 million to be brought to a state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Community Foundation has contributed \$35,000 to Threshold School of Building to support the City of Hamilton Housing Improvement Program youth pre-apprenticeship training program;

WHEREAS, the completion of these units will result in filling vacancies and reducing wait list times, while building a stronger sense of community and offering youth pre-apprenticeship training.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) That City Council support the City of Hamilton Housing Improvement Program (CHHIP) 26 week pilot project; and,
- b) That Councillor Collins contribute \$17,500, Councillor Farr contribute \$17,500 and Councillor Green contribute \$17,500, for a total amount of \$52,500 for program costs (not materials cost), funded through their respective Area Rating Accounts towards the pilot project to work on 24 units in their wards combined.