

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: September 7, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR.....

Digital Inclusion – Feasibility of Public Wi-Fi in Gage Park

WHEREAS, wild Pikachus have been spotted in Gage Park,

WHEREAS, Pokémon trainers from far and wide have been gathering in Gage Park in their quest to catch ‘em all while enjoying one of Southern Ontario’s best green spaces;

WHEREAS, our vision is to be the best place to raise a child and age successfully, and our priorities are community engagement and participation; healthy and safe communities; built environment and infrastructure in order to provide innovative and well-maintained public spaces that serve as places for community activity;

WHEREAS, Hamilton was ranked in the top 21 in the world by the Intelligent Communities Forum of which digital inclusion, including access to public Wi-Fi, is noted as an area necessary to reduce the digital divide; and,

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board has introduced iPads in classrooms as a part of a broader initiative to introduce Wi-Fi in public schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review the feasibility of installing public Wi-Fi as a pilot in Gage Park, to be funded directly from ward specific, non-property tax revenues in the Ward 3 Account #3301609603 (Bell Mobility cell tower revenues), and report back to the General Issues Committee.