

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: October 19, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR D. SKELLY.....

Creating an incubator for the arts, and opportunities for community groups, at the former Eastmount School Site

WHEREAS, Hamilton is known as a creative and innovative city;

WHEREAS, the arts bring about creativity and innovation and encourage entrepreneurs;

WHEREAS, fashion, photography, film, performing arts, visual arts, music, and other forms of creative expression generate employment;

WHEREAS, the arts have a positive impact on a community's economy, and quality of life;

WHEREAS, community groups, such as the Mountain Kidz Klub, provide much needed services to Hamilton families;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has recently acquired Eastmount School; and,

WHEREAS, partnerships with the private sector have the potential to offset operating costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to conduct an economic development study on the potential and feasibility of an arts incubator at the Eastmount School site, including community groups, with operating costs offset by partnerships with the private sector; and,
- (b) That the forthcoming report, respecting an arts incubator at the Eastmount School site, determine the strategy needed to maximize the growth of the arts industry and the associated ancillary services and provide insight on the steps needed to transform the former elementary school into a place for creative people to work, connect with peers, and learn to further their trades, and report to the General Issues Committee.