

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## M O T I O N

Committee Date: October 12, 2016

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **Hamilton Home Energy Retrofit Opportunity (Hamilton H.E.R.O. Program)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has developed a Community Climate Change Action Plan which directs priority actions that will mitigate green house gases, adapt to the risks associated with climate change and will help make Hamilton a resilient and prosperous community in the face of climate action as outlined in Mayor Fred Eisenberger's Community Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Team approved by Council on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016;

WHEREAS the City's Government Relations and Infrastructure Funding Update included information that the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities announced the intention to spend \$60 Billion including a \$5 Billion investment in green infrastructure;

WHEREAS the Federal 2016 budget approved in March included additional funding for Innovative Green Municipal Projects providing an additional \$125 million over the next two years to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to enhance the Green Municipal Fund, including projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This Fund, established in partnership with municipalities in 2000, finances and funds innovative, municipal green infrastructure priorities, and has provided over \$700 million to projects across the country since its inception;

WHEREAS Environment Hamilton has identified like projects successfully introduced in Halifax, Toronto, and Guelph, for example the Halifax Solar City program, which reduced the City's carbon footprint by 16.1 million kg of CO<sub>2</sub>, implemented water measures to save an estimated 30 million litres of water, kept \$500,000 in the local economy that was previously leaving it in energy costs, created 40+ local jobs in the green energy sector, and won the municipality several awards for climate leadership.

Environment Hamilton and the Hamilton Association for Renewable Energy have proposed that the city of Hamilton seize this opportunity to launch a home energy improvement plan for Hamilton that uses LICs to make building efficiency improvements more accessible for citizens and meet the goals outlined in the city's existing climate change action plan;

WHEREAS the Ontario provincial government has announced in its recent climate change plan the establishment of a Green Bank dedicated to assisting homeowners in navigating municipal, federal, and provincial grants and programs dedicated to energy efficiency, with a specific focus on assistance for low income households; and

WHEREAS the *Ontario Municipal Act* has updated legislation regarding Local Improvement Charge (LIC) loans to facilitate the implementation of home energy LICs, and the mechanism is one that Hamilton already uses for the replacement of lead water intake pipes and administering it is already established as a familiar mechanism to the city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the appropriate staff report back to Audit, Finance & Administration Committee on the feasibility of creating a Local Improvement Charge Loan program similar but not limited to like building energy efficiency programs as in Halifax, Toronto and Guelph.

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That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion for the Hamilton Home Energy Retrofit Opportunity (Hamilton H.E.R.O Program).

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