

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Committee: February 28, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FARR.....

Re: Seasonal “Pop-up Park” on a portion of the John Rebecca Lands

WHEREAS, the City-owned parking lot and adjacent private properties comprising the block bounded by John Street, Rebecca Street, King William Street and Catherine Street are designated in the current Downtown Hamilton Secondary Plan, adopted in 2001, as General Open Space and have long been intended for future use as a City park;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Downtown Hamilton Secondary Plan that were presented to the public for comment in February 2017 propose to recognize these lands as “Neighbourhood Park”;

WHEREAS, the City’s Public Works Department prepared a conceptual plan in 2012 with significant community input for a future park on this site;

WHEREAS, the City’s Public Works Department has forecast \$1,758,000 dollars for the future park in its 2018 capital budget for design and land acquisition, with the detailed design work for the park to commence in 2018;

WHEREAS, there is strong community support for moving quickly on the development of a park on these lands;

WHEREAS, the Beasley Neighbourhood Association has been in conversation with the Patrick J McNally Charitable Foundation and has determined that the Foundation may be willing to financially support a temporary, seasonal “pop-up park” on a portion of the John Rebecca lands in 2017 as a demonstration project;

WHEREAS, the Patrick J McNally Charitable Foundation's was formed with a vision of Hamilton and Burlington with parks, outdoor places and buildings that provide opportunities for our communities to learn about, explore and enjoy nature, and to build community between neighbours; and

WHEREAS the Beasley Neighbourhood Association would require the City to partner on any application to the Foundation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the appropriate staff from the Planning and Economic Development Department and Public Works Department work with the Beasley Neighbourhood Association to prepare and submit an application for funding to the McNally Foundation to create a temporary, seasonal "pop-up park" using a portion of the City-owned parking lot at John and Rebecca;
- (b) That the project not result in any costs to the City other than the staff resources necessary to coordinate the work;
- (c) That the project not involve any permanent structures or changes to the parking lot that would preclude its continued use as a parking lot after project completion in the short-term or as a park in the long-term;
- (d) That no greater than 18 parking stalls be utilized for this seasonal project;
- (e) That any loss of parking revenue associated with the temporary park be offset with funding from the Ward 2 Area Rating fund.