CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION

General Issues Committee: September 6, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR D. CONLEY………………………………………………….

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR …………………………………………………………

Proposed Lease of Hamilton Conservation Authority Lands at Felker's Falls

WHEREAS, Felker's Falls is an open space area owned by the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA);

WHEREAS, Felker's Falls open space generally functions as parkland for City of Hamilton residents;

WHEREAS, the local community has expressed an interest in the provision of greater park amenities at Felker's Falls;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of December 1, 2016, the HCA approved a motion (attached hereto as Appendix "A") for the HCA to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Hamilton for a 4.5 acre portion of Felker's Falls Conservation Area for parks purposes for a 20-year term at nominal value, and that the HCA would be supportive of the City constructing and maintaining park amenities on the subject lands;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of May 24, 2017, Council approved the provision of $95,000 to the Parks and Cemeteries Section of the Environmental Services Division (Public Works Department) to provide support for the installation of a play structure at Felker's Falls park, and that $16,300, for the maintenance of the play structure and park, be included in the Public Works Department's 2018 annual operating budget submission for consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff, of the Real Estate Section of the Planning & Economic Development Department, be authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into a 20-year, nominal value ($2/year) Lease Agreement for lands identified in Appendix "B" (attached hereto) with the Hamilton Conservation Authority, for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining a neighbourhood park and amenities on the subject lands of the Hamilton Conservation Authority at Felker's Falls, on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate to the General Manager, of the Planning and Economic Development Department, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.