

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee Date: February 28, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR

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Transfer of City of Hamilton Sites to CityHousing Hamilton for Development

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Strategic Plan recognizes and supports the need for new affordable housing units as one of the City's top priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Access to Housing Waitlist continues to grow at an alarming rate with an estimated 6,200 families, seniors and individuals currently on the list; and

WHEREAS, the City's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan targets an aggressive 50% reduction in the Access to Housing Waitlist by 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan emphasizes the need to provide new affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of real estate presents a significant challenge to social housing providers; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has an inventory of properties that could facilitate the construction of new affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton staff has met with CityHousing staff and Board representatives to discuss opportunities related to utilizing underperforming City of Hamilton parking lots: Park Lot #66 located at 106 Bay Street North; and Park Lot #73 located at 253 King William Street (see attached map), as a means to support the construction of new affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff has also identified an unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Ave, which interlocks with an existing CityHousing Hamilton Corporation site on Macassa Ave (see attached map), as a potential City owned site for building new affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton Corporation has begun a revitalization process that requires the acquisition of land for the rebuilding of 100 units of social housing following an approved sale of poor performing single and semi-detached housing units, as well as for the relocation of residents from the Jamesville social housing community in the West Harbour during its redevelopment; and

AND WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton Corporation has completed financial modelling for the utilization of the above mentioned three sites as part of its revitalization process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell at nominal price of \$2.00 Car Park Lot #66 (106-104 Bay Street North) to CityHousing Hamilton Corporation on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development;
- (b) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell at nominal price of \$2.00 Car Park Lot #73 (253-257 King William Street) to CityHousing Hamilton Corporation on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development;
- (c) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell at nominal price of \$2.00 the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue that interlocks with an existing CityHousing Hamilton Corporation owned site on Macassa Avenue be transferred to CityHousing Hamilton Corporation on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development;
- (d) That the transfer of Car Park Lot #66, Car Park Lot#73, and the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue be subject to any requisite requirements to protect for servicing, utilities and road widenings, as determined by new reference plans to be completed by Geomatics and Corridor Management Section of the Public Works Department;
- (e) That the City Solicitor complete the transfers of Car Park Lot #66, Car Park Lot #73, and the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement negotiated by the Planning and Economic Development Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (f) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to execute all required documents on behalf of the City of Hamilton to transfer Car Park Lot #66, Car Park Lot #73, and the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue on documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (g) That \$4,500 be charged to Account No. 500005-22018 (City of Hamilton Payable) and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales) for Legal and Real Estate fees; and,

(h) That all other expenses associated with the transfer of Car Park Lot #66, Car Park Lot #73, and the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue be charged to Account No. 500005-22018.