

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: February 28, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

Hamilton Summit

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton residential taxpayer pays almost 50% of their taxes for services that are of limited City control;

WHEREAS, the total average residential tax bill in 2017 is \$3,928;

WHEREAS, about 13% or \$514 pays for provincially shared services such as paramedics, public health, social housing and social services;

WHEREAS, about 20% or \$811 pays for Boards and Agencies of limited City control such as Police Services and Conservation Authorities;

WHEREAS, about 14% or \$564 pays for Education, which is exclusively controlled by the Province;

WHEREAS, this leaves only 52% or \$2,039 of the \$3,928 tax bill contributing directly to City controlled services;

WHEREAS, many of the provincially shared services and Boards and Agency costs are increasing well beyond the rate of inflation;

WHEREAS, some of the provincially shared services are in dire service and financial circumstances including Paramedics, where recent code zero instances continue to peak; and, Social Housing, where wait lists continue to grow and capital requirements far exceed funding capabilities; and,

WHEREAS, existing Federal and Provincial funding initiatives do not adequately address the aforementioned concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City Manager be directed to plan and execute a Hamilton Summit that involves local MPP's, provincial Ministers, local and provincial candidates, community leaders, business leaders and Hamilton taxpayer's to educate and

solicit solutions to the growing issue of provincial downloading and its impact on the City of Hamilton, to be held no later than April 30, 2018;

- (b) That the topics of the Hamilton Summit include: Local Healthcare - Impact on Emergency Medical Services, Social and Affordable Housing, Infrastructure and Tax Policies;
- (c) That the format of the Hamilton Summit be in a format to be determined by the City Manager; and,
- (d) That staff be directed to report to the General Issues Committee with a summary of the Hamilton Summit, along with recommendations for a longer term Engagement Strategy with the Federal and Provincial governments, by May 16, 2018.