

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Special Council Date: March 8, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....

Amendment to Appendix “H” to Item 12 of the General Issues Committee Report 17-022 (Capital Budget) - Ancaster Memorial Arts & Culture Centre

WHEREAS, the Ancaster Memorial Arts & Culture Centre project was conceived in 2012 when a group of local stakeholders including residents, business owners, political representatives, citizens, and community arts administrators met to discuss the issue of lack of space for their rapidly growing community arts groups; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton (the “City”) purchased a property in 2014 in the heart of Ancaster’s Heritage Village (est. 1793), is ideally situated in the centre of the Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (the “BIA”) and has the opportunity to transform the already exciting area into a theatre district, complete with museums, restaurants, shops, and events; and,

WHEREAS, the capital project 3541641602 - Ancaster Memorial Arts & Culture Centre was approved as part of the 2016 capital budget for design and 2018 capital budget for construction; and,

WHEREAS, the Ancaster Memorial Arts & Culture Centre will enrich the cultural and artistic landscape of Ancaster and the surrounding region, will add to the City’s growing theatre industry, and benefit the City from a social and economic standpoint; and,

WHEREAS, The BIA’s vision of a ‘livable’, ‘walkable’ community complimentary to its heritage is close to completion, and with a 450 seat theatre, studio theatre, visual arts and dance studios, the Ancaster Arts Centre will be of a threshold size that will make it the final stroke on the masters canvas that is framed by the historic Ancaster Village BIA; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 a public forum was held to present the Ancaster Arts Centre concept and measure community support, where response was found to be overwhelmingly positive, and where Ancaster Town Hall was standing-room-only and a constant parade of community members spoke to their support of the project; and,

WHEREAS, during the following 2 years the private sector has donated \$2.4M (with a commitment to raise \$3M) through the fundraising efforts of the Ancaster Society for the Performing Arts, more than any other project in the history of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Provincial government has committed \$3M to the City to help finance the project; and,

WHREAS, the Ancaster Society for the Performance Arts has applied for \$3M from the Federal government in order to help finance the project; and,

WHEREAS, the project has passed conditional Site Plan Approval and is anticipated to be shovel ready by early fall 2018; and,

WHEREAS, staff have been advised by an external consulting firm there that the scope of work currently envisioned for the project will require additional funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Appendix "H" to Item 12 of the General Issues Committee Report 17-022 (Capital Budget) (attached hereto), which was approved by Council on December 8, 2017, be amended by increasing the Gross Costs amount, of the capital project 3541641602 - Ancaster Memorial Arts & Culture Centre, by \$2M (from \$11.2M to \$13.2M), with the additional \$2M to be borrowed and repaid from the Investments Stabilization Reserve Account No. 112300 through area rating, over a period of 10 years against the former municipality of Ancaster; and,
- (b) That any unbudgeted third party recoveries related to the Ancaster Arts Centre be transferred to the Ancaster Reserve Account No. 108030.