

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: March 28, 2018

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....**

### **Point-in-Time Count Survey to Better Understand the Needs of Those Experiencing Homelessness**

WHEREAS, ending chronic homelessness has been identified as a community priority in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Hamilton has demonstrated success in reducing chronic homelessness through the use of Housing First strategies;

WHEREAS, in 2017, Hamilton housed 204 chronically homeless individuals through Housing First programs;

WHEREAS, 93% of these individuals remained housed through Housing First supports;

WHEREAS, the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness has chosen Hamilton to host the 2018 Conference on Ending Homelessness;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's practice of conducting surveys with people experiencing homelessness has been adopted as a promising practice in several communities across Canada;

WHEREAS, the information collected through the survey is used to match people with the right services and supports to ensure their experience of homelessness is brief and non-reoccurring; and,

WHEREAS, the federal and provincial governments have adopted Hamilton's survey methodologies and have mandated the practice in all communities across the Country effective 2018.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton lead a point-in-time count survey on April 22nd and 23rd to better understand the needs of people experiencing homelessness, with surveys to take place on 40 routes across the city and at 29 community programs and health services;
- (b) That the results from the point-in-time count survey be shared with the public in Council Chambers on May 4, 2018 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; and,

- (c) That the City of Hamilton announce a housing placement and retention target for 2018 on May 4, 2018 at the community debrief.

