

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: May 16, 2018

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....**

### **Climate Change Reserve and Adaptation Plan**

WHEREAS, our citizens are dependent on transportation, telecommunication services, energy and water infrastructure; all of which are at risk in the face of more intense extreme weather events driven by a changing climate;

WHEREAS, municipal governments are responsible to implement mitigation and adaptation strategies to protect its citizens, and address significant climate related challenges;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton Healthy and Safe Communities, Public Works, and Planning and Economic Development Departments are examining the potential risks of significant climate related challenges on citizens, the environment and City infrastructure and related programs;

WHEREAS, each year the City and its citizens are affected by climate related challenges, including flood, erosion, extreme heat, ice storms, higher lake levels (and storm surges), etc.;

WHEREAS, the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy suggested that the economic impact of climate change on Canada could reach \$5 billion per year by 2020 and between \$21 and \$43 billion per year by 2050;

WHEREAS, limited funding is available from senior levels of government to assist municipalities with the effects of Green House Gases (GHG) emissions and the effects of climate change;

WHEREAS, predictable, long-term and stable funding from governments to address climate change impacts and ensure infrastructure resiliency is a priority and could save Canadians billions of dollars through climate change adaptation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

- (a) That Finance staff be directed to establish a Climate Change Reserve with a stated purpose, through the next Reserve Report;

- (b) That Finance staff be directed to identify a funding strategy for a Climate Change Reserve; and
- (c) That staff be directed to investigate funding opportunities with higher levels of government to address the local impact of climate change events, and report back to the Board of Health; and,
- (d) That Hamilton's Senior Leadership Team be directed to work with all City Departments to develop climate change adaptation plans that may be eligible for funding from a Climate Change Reserve and funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments, and report back to the Board of Health.