

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: May 31, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. JOHNSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

Early Opening and Late Closing of Splash Pads in the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS in past years the summer heat starts earlier and earlier;

WHEREAS the operating season for a splash pad is relatively short given the financial investment;

WHEREAS many residents are anxious to see the splash pads open early to accommodate the hot weather;

WHEREAS some schools have asked to have the splash pads open early so that they can use them in the hot weather;

WHEREAS surrounding municipalities have their splash pads open before the long weekend in May; and

WHEREAS some Wards are paying an additional cost to have splash pads opened early.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to open the splash pads in the City of Hamilton at this time;
- (b) That staff be directed to open splash pads in the City of Hamilton for the May long weekend, weather permitting, in future years;
- (c) That staff also be directed to have splash pads in the City of Hamilton remain open into the month September to accommodate an extended summer season when weather permits;
- (d) That, for 2018, the early opening and late closing of splash pads in the City of Hamilton be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve; and,
- (e) That, for 2019, that the budgeting for splash pad be amended to reflect alignment with Stage 1 Heat advisories.