

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Public Works Committee

Date: June 4, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. WHITEHEAD.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Parkland Acquisition Strategy

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has Official Plans and Secondary Plans to guide the development of existing and future parkland across the city;

WHEREAS, there are many neighbourhoods across the city that have neighbourhood parkland deficiencies based on the supply criteria of 0.7 ha/1000 people;

WHEREAS, there are areas in the city experiencing growth and intensification, increasing the parkland deficiencies in these areas resulting in increasing pressures on existing parkland, and increasing the parkland deficiencies;

WHEREAS, land acquisition costs are increasing across the city, putting financial pressure on the city's limited funding for parkland purchase;

WHEREAS, there is an obligation to understand and evaluate parkland purchase opportunities against other city priorities, resources, and policies;

WHEREAS, the creation of a framework by which to evaluate the opportunities to purchase parkland as they arise would assist with the responsible expenditure of city funds and ensure consistent application of policies city-wide:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff from Public Works, and Planning and Economic Development departments complete a city-wide parkland acquisition strategy, and report back with recommendations to General Issues Committee.