

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: September 5, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR.....

Redevelopment / Reuse of the former King George School Site at 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton

WHEREAS, the City has identified its interest in the former King George School property located at 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton, to repurpose the site as a potential location for a major educational institution and/or local hub for community groups;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton acquired the property known as former King George School property located at 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton on March 15, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Education provided funding for a community-based Early Years Program including a EarlyON Centre and Child Care Centre, to be operational by December 2020;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Public Library (HPL) has an interest in locating future branches strategically, in partnership with complementary institutions and services and

the proximity of the site to the new secondary school presents a unique opportunity to support youth learning and engagement, and would provide a collaborative, creative space;

WHEREAS the HPL is interested in exploring which public library services are best suited to the surrounding community and this site; and

WHEREAS the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) has expressed interest in establishing a presence in Hamilton related to skills development and continuing education targeted at youth in the arts and culture sector;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Public Works Facilities staff be directed to undertake a two-phased redevelopment study for the former King George School site, at 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton, which would include a general building condition assessment in the first phase, and a study of the improvements that would be required to the

school to support the identified uses as well as an operating plan in the second phase and report back to the Public Works Committee;

- (b) That the funding for the two-phased redevelopment study, for the former King George School site, at 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton, to a maximum of \$250,000 be funded from the Ward 3 Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve #108053;
- (c) That staff from the Neighbourhood Development Section of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and the Tourism and Culture Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department establish a Task Force to inform the development of the operating plan for a hub at the former King George School site, 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton, which would include educational skills development and continuing education, targeted at youth in the arts and culture sector;
- (d) That the Task Force include representatives from the Ontario College of Art and Design, the Hamilton Public Library, the Hamilton Community Foundation, representatives of the local arts and culture sector, and the appropriate City staff; and
- (e) That funding for the future implementation of a community hub at the former King George School at 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton, in the amount of \$750,000, be funded from the Ward 3 Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve #108053.