

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: January 16, 2019

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

**SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR .....**

### **Providing Free Museum Visits to Hamilton Public Library Card Holders**

WHEREAS, museums and libraries are not just repositories of cultural items and information, but are vital educational institutions that can have a profound effect on public discourse and quality of life;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's museums and libraries are an extension of our educational system and offer children and adults opportunities to discover and learn outside of a traditional classroom setting;

WHEREAS, both the City of Hamilton museums and the Hamilton Library want to strengthen our partnership by working closely together thereby strengthening our links to the community and neighbourhoods;

WHEREAS, citizens can gain access to all the educational benefits of Hamilton's libraries through a library card free of charge; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017, 1,500 Hamiltonians visited the City of Hamilton Museums using a museum pass checked out from Hamilton Public Library branches, representing less than 1% of museum earned revenue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to conduct a one-year pilot project that allows Hamilton library card holders free general admission (excluding paid special events, booked programs and workshops) to any of the City of Hamilton operated museums (Dundurn National Historic Site, Hamilton Military Museum, Fieldcote Memorial Park and Museum, Griffin House Museum, Whitehern Historic House and Garden, Hamilton Childrens Museum, Battlefield House Museum, and Park and the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology); and,
- (b) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee after a period of one year with the outcomes of the pilot project that provides free museum visits with a Hamilton Public Library card.