

Added Item 12.1

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Emergency & Community Services Committee: February 21, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

Hamilton Housing Summit

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's rental and ownership housing market has experienced tremendous change over the last decade;

WHEREAS, rising housing costs have created serious challenges for individuals and families, whether they rent or own their own homes;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to being the best place to raise a child and age successfully;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to finding innovative and creative ways to address affordable housing; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton wants to engage community partners and subject matter experts to participate in the conversation to proactively address these matters;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to plan and execute a Hamilton Housing Summit through which members of Council and the public can hear directly from Community partners and subject matter experts on the challenges being faced in the housing sector, and any efforts that governments of all levels can make to support the housing industry, to be held no later than June 28, 2019;
- (b) That staff in the Housing Services Division and Clerks Office work with the Mayor and the Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee to finalize the format and agenda for the Summit;
- (c) That the Mayor write to Hamilton's MPs, and MPPs, to invite them to attend the Summit;
- (d) That the Summit be open to members of the public who wish to make delegations;
- (e) That the costs associated with the Hamilton Housing Summit be funded from the Housing Services Division, up to a maximum of \$5,000; and,

- (f) That staff be directed to report to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with a summary of the Hamilton Housing Summit, along with recommendations for a longer term Engagement Strategy with the Federal and Provincial governments, by September 30, 2019.