

CITY OF HAMILTON

M O T I O N

Council Date : May 22, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Menstrual Products Affordability Pilot Program

WHEREAS, the inability to afford menstrual products is a health equity issue that disproportionately impacts low income Hamilton resident's ability to achieve their full health potential;

WHEREAS, lack of access to menstrual products due to financial need for assistance contributes to a lack of dignity for those who cannot afford products and has health, social and emotional consequences; and,

WHEREAS, a targeted strategy has the potential to support those with a financial need for assistance who face significant challenges obtaining menstrual products;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That staff explore the feasibility of providing menstrual products (pads and tampons) to those with financial need for assistance and report back to the Board of Health outlining specific target populations, location and distribution options, costs and an evaluation plan for a 12 month pilot project.