

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: July 8, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. P. DANKO.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review

WHEREAS, stormwater charges are currently based on usage volume of potable water consumed and are not sufficient to fund the full cost of Hamilton's stormwater infrastructure;

WHEREAS, stormwater management infrastructure is critical to control the quantity and quality of runoff, reduce flood damage and improve local water quality,

WHEREAS, climate change is resulting in more frequent, high intensity storms and elevated Lake Ontario water levels, which impact infrastructure and create challenges for residents;

WHEREAS, the City currently operates 123 stormwater management facilities and is anticipating an additional 43 to be incorporated into the inventory within the next 5 years;

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City is responding to elevated Lake Ontario water levels with temporary controls and pumping at an estimated cost \$2.5M - \$3M to minimize flooding and protect the Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant;

WHEREAS, stormwater rates provide a dedicated, stable and fair funding source for stormwater management infrastructure and related costs and provide incentive for better private property management of stormwater runoff and pollution; and,

WHEREAS, many other municipalities in Ontario have implemented a dedicated stormwater rate to fund stormwater programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review a Stormwater Rate Program for the City of Hamilton and report back to the General Issues Committee with a framework and options for implementation.