

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: July 12, 2019

**MOVED BY MAYOR EISENBERGER.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

**Phase II Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Funding Rollout for the City of Hamilton**

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, announced the signing of a bilateral agreement that will provide federal funding through the Investing in Canada Plan over the next decade dedicated to infrastructure projects, which includes investments in public transit from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), (formerly known as the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund Phase II (PTIF)) in the amount of \$511.0M; the Government of Canada in the amount of \$204.4M (40%); the Government of Ontario in the amount of \$168.6M (33%) and the City of Hamilton in the amount of \$138.0M (27%);

WHEREAS, this news follows information previously released on March 22, 2017 in the Federal 2017 Budget, with a second phase of federal investments for the rehabilitation, repair and modernization of existing infrastructure, with one key element of the plan being \$33B in infrastructure funding to be delivered through bilateral agreements currently being negotiated between the Federal government and each of the provinces and territories;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada proposes to deliver up to a maximum of \$10,371,166,789 to the Government of Ontario in four key areas: public transit; green infrastructure; community, culture and recreation infrastructure; and rural and northern communities infrastructure under this Agreement;

WHEREAS, under the current Government of Ontario, no commitment has been announced to provide the previously announced 33% of the cost share with the Government of Canada;

WHEREAS, the bilateral agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario is integral to the overall City of Hamilton’s Transit Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the delays and the uncertainty around the original commitment of 33% of the cost share with the Government of Canada, will significantly jeopardize the City of Hamilton’s ability to develop and expand the transit system as planned if funding is not supported by both levels of senior government.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, by July 15, 2019, to request an update on timing for Phase II Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Funding rollout for the City of Hamilton; and

(b) That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) for support in accelerating the ICIP funding for municipalities in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).