

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee: October 16, 2019

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

SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR.....

Feasibility of a Municipal Carbon Tax to Generate Revenue from Fossil Fuel Pipelines within the Boundaries of the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a Climate Emergency with a mandate to achieve net zero carbon emissions before 2050;

WHEREAS, increased uncertainty, severity and frequency of extreme weather events as a result of climate change have been observed in the Hamilton area and are projected to increase in the future;

WHEREAS, climate change mitigation and adaption measures are placing a negative burden on the City’s current infrastructure budgets;

WHEREAS, investment in technology and systems that help Hamilton transition to a net zero carbon economy are necessary;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has a number of fossil fuel pipelines that transport oil and natural gas within the municipal boundary; and,

WHEREAS, these fossil fuel pipelines require a number of municipal approvals and property agreements to continue operation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Finance and Legal staff investigate the feasibility of a municipal carbon tax to generate revenue from fossil fuel pipelines within the boundaries of the City of Hamilton and report back to the General Issues Committee.