

# CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: October 23, 2019

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....**

**One-Time Grant to Hamilton Food Share**

WHEREAS on October 1st, 2019 St. Matthew’s House announced that they would no longer be hosting a food bank at their Barton Street East location as of November 1st, 2019;

WHEREAS it is estimated that up to 1,200 families currently access the St. Matthew’s House food bank monthly;

WHEREAS other organizations such as Mission Services, Salvation Army, Good Shepherd and Welcome Inn are expected to see increased use of their food banks;

WHEREAS Hamilton Food Share has estimated that the short-term costs (3 months) associated with this increased use at other food banks is \$38,000; and,

WHEREAS the Hamilton Community Foundation has recently approved a one-time grant of \$19,000 to assist with these costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to provide a one-time grant of \$19,000 to Hamilton Food Share so that they can provide emergency support to agencies affected by the closure of the St. Matthew’s House Food Bank;
- (b) That the source of the funding for the one-time grant be the Housing Stability Benefit; and,
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.