CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION
Audit, Finance & Administration Committee: November 7, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON............................................................

Methodology for Infrastructure Master Plans to Support Future Calculation of
Variable Development Charges

WHEREAS at the June 12, 2019 meeting, City Council repealed Development Charges
(DC) By-law 14-153 and enacted a new 2019 DC By-law effective June 13, 2019;

WHEREAS the DC By-law is a result of compiling the City’s infrastructure Master Plans;

WHEREAS the Development Charges Act, 1997 requires a process to be followed
which results in a calculated DC;

WHEREAS the adoption of variable DC rates must be predicated on either a defined
and defendable methodology calculation or by policy (such as providing a partial
exemption to the calculated DC rate);

WHEREAS the City’s 2019 DC By-law reflects the results of such a review for water and
wastewater services, and as a result includes a variable approach in calculating the
2019 DC By-law rate for stormwater services;

WHEREAS all other services are calculated on a city-wide basis;

WHEREAS the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 (Bill 108) will remove the
discounted (soft) services from the Development Charges Act once proclaimed into
force and provides a defined list of services that will remain in the Development
Charges Act, 1997; and,

WHEREAS the City’s current GRIDS 2 process will ultimately identify growth allocations
by traffic zone throughout the city to 2041;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee
on methodology options including an assessment of the financial impacts for future
updates to the Transportation Master Plan (including transit services); 10-year Fire
Service Delivery Plan; and Waste Services Master Plan; that will provide the basis for a
variable rate calculation as part of the next Development Charges (DC) By-law update
should Council wish to take a variable rate approach.