

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Audit, Finance & Administration Committee: February 6, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L. FERGUSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Compassionate Grant for Development Charges to Agricultural Societies Without a Farm Business Registration

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton Development Charges By-law 19-142 was effective on June 13, 2019;

WHEREAS Development Charges By-law 19-142 approved development charge exemptions for development of properties with Agricultural Use with a farm business registration number;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton's three agricultural societies, owners of property used for agricultural purposes but not eligible for a farm business registration number, are as follows:

Ancaster Agricultural Society, 630 Trinity Road South, Jerseyville, Ontario, L0R 1R0;

Binbrook Agricultural Society, 2600 Regional Road #56, Binbrook, Ontario, L0R 1C0; and,

Rockton Agricultural Society, 812 Old Highway 8, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0;

WHEREAS the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee at its meeting of November 25, 2019 approved minutes in support of all Agricultural Societies in Hamilton (Rockton, Binbrook and Ancaster) being exempted from Development Charges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to develop a compassionate grant agreement for agricultural societies for development charges in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor with any DC exemptions being funded from unallocated capital levy reserve (#108020); and,
- (b) That the City's Agricultural DC compassionate grant agreement contain terms and conditions that:
 - (i) Require the applicant to register the compassionate grant against the property and repay the City of Hamilton should the applicant sell or transfer any portion of the property; and,
 - (ii) Provide the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services with the authority to sign the Agreement.