

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

**Governance Review Sub-Committee: February 12, 2020**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....**

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### **Recording of In-Camera Meetings**

WHEREAS the Ontario Ombudsman recommends that all municipalities make audio recordings or video recordings of all meetings – both open and closed – to ensure a thorough record;

WHEREAS there are now 23 Ontario municipalities that have implemented either audio or audiovisual recordings of their closed meetings;

WHEREAS an audio or audiovisual recording of in-camera meetings provides a clear and accessible record for closed meeting investigators to review;

WHEREAS such recordings of closed meetings will assist the municipality in quickly demonstrating that Council and staff did not stray from the legislated requirements during closed meetings; and,

WHEREAS such recordings of closed meetings will provide a complete record to be used by the municipality and/or Councillors for future references as needed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the City Manager be directed to report back to the Governance Review Sub-Committee within 30 days on the costs and policies to implement an audio or audiovisual recording system to be utilized for the recording of in-camera meetings; and the ways and means for the City Clerk to archive and protect such records.