

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: April 8, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Financial Support for Mutual Aid to Sex Workers

WHEREAS resident-led organizing through Sex Workers Action Program Hamilton and the AIDS Network is working to meet the needs of sex workers during the COVID-19 pandemic across the city by increasing access to food, housing, healthcare, and other necessities;

WHEREAS Canada Emergency Response Benefit is not universal, is means tested and will not necessarily provide supplementary income supports for precarious and independent workers; and

WHEREAS sex workers cannot claim income due to fear of stigmatization and/or criminalization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$5000 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Cell Tower (3301609603) to the AIDS Network for the purposes of continuing to meet the needs of sex workers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerks 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.