

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Council Date: April 29, 2020

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, as much as it is a public health challenge, is also an economic challenge;

WHEREAS, the health and safety of our community remain our primary concern, we also need to begin to look beyond COVID-19 pandemic to ensure our local economy is well-positioned to rebound from this crisis as quickly as possible,

WHEREAS, several short-term measures, including the City of Hamilton's Property Tax Assistance Program, have been initiated to attempt to mitigate some of the impact caused by the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has recently completed a Business Impact Survey in conjunction with the Flamborough, Hamilton and Stoney Creek Chambers of Commerce, all thirteen Business Improvement Associations and Workforce Planning Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the business survey has identified the economic impacts of COVID19 on key industry groups in Hamilton.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Director of Economic Development and Director of Tourism and Culture, develop a Terms of Reference for the creation of a *Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery* to position the City of Hamilton for long term economic recovery and report back with a proposed Terms of Reference to Council for approval;
- (b) That the Task Force be comprised of, but not limited to, representatives of local business, industry, labour, and the academic community who will provide advice on solutions to achieve long term economic recovery;
- (c) That Economic Development staff provide Council with a complete report of the Business Impact Survey findings once they have been compiled.