

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: May 27, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

Future of LaSalle Park

WHEREAS, LaSalle Park, comprising approximately 51.5 acres of open space (35 ac.) and park/table land (16.5 ac.), was acquired by the City of Hamilton between 1912-1916;

WHEREAS, in 1958, Aldershot was annexed to the City of Burlington, yet the City of Hamilton continued ownership of LaSalle Park and the park was managed by the Hamilton Parks Board;

WHEREAS, between 1975 and 1983, the City of Burlington managed LaSalle Park under a joint management agreement;

WHEREAS, in 1983, the City of Burlington leased the Park from the City of Hamilton under the following terms:

- Term: forty (40) years, commencing Jan.1, 1983 and expiring Dec.31, 2022
- Annual Rent: \$1.00 (payable Aug.1 each year)
- Use: Exclusive right to maintain, operate, programme and manage LaSalle Park for the sole purpose of a public park and related parks uses - outdoor recreational activities and open to the public at all reasonable times at no charge to the public (with exception of Sailing Club)
- Improvements: Improvements or alterations to existing improvements require prior written consent of Hamilton, in its sole discretion
- Obligation: Burlington to maintain, operate, programme and manage LaSalle Park as its sole cost and expense
- Name: must continue as LaSalle Park
- Renewal: The Lease may be renewed for twenty-five (25) years and only by mutual agreement. There is no notice or exercise period;

and between 1993 and 1997, several amendments/consent agreements were entered into to address the rebuilding and restoration of the historic pavilion;

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has from time to time expressed a desire to acquire LaSalle Park (barring that to renew the lease), but not at a price acceptable to the City of Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, the current lease will expire on December 31, 2022 and the current event space operator of the pavilion within the park is seeking to book events beyond the expiry date of the lease;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Corporate Real Estate Office, in collaboration with other relevant divisions, be directed to undertake a review of the value and implications of alternative disposition (sell, lease, develop, operate) options for LaSalle Park, and report back to General Issues Committee.