




CITY OF HAMILTON
City Manager's Office

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Committee of the Whole
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 3, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	COVID-19 Emergency Delegated Authority By-Law Update (CM20004(a)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The purpose of this Information Report is to provide Council with an update on the use of the Emergency Delegated Authority By-law.

BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2020, the City activated its Emergency Operation Centre under the City's Emergency Management Plan, pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA).

On March 17, 2020 the Province of Ontario declared a state of emergency under the EMCPA.

On March 20, 2020 Council adopted Emergency Delegated Authority By-law 2020-056 granting the City Manager delegated authority to take certain actions during the COVID-19 Emergency. At the time the By-law was passed, Council requested updates be provided on the exercise of authority under the By-law.

This report provides an update on the use of Emergency Delegated Authority By-law 2020-056.

INFORMATION

As outlined below, the majority of the instances where the By-law was used relate to the acceptance and quick distribution of funding from other levels of government for the COVID-19 emergency response related to housing and shelter services.

The City of Hamilton has received Federal and Provincial funding to help support the response to COVID-19 in our community. The amounts received are as follows:

- a) \$2,274,966 from Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for People Experiencing and at Risk of Homelessness; and
- b) \$6,880,800 from Ontario's Social Services Relief Fund, provided through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI).

These funds were distributed to various community organizations under the terms of the funding agreements, as outlined in Appendix 1.

The only non-COVID-19 time sensitive use of the By-law involved the Materials Recycling Facility. On February 12, 2020 City Council approved proceeding with the award of a contract to GFL Environmental Inc. for the operations and maintenance of the Materials Recycling Centre. The existing contract was expiring on March 29, 2020 and staff needed a 30-day extension to the current contract to complete discussions with GFL for the new contract. The cost of the 30-day extension was \$266,591.53 (based on actual tonnage received) and was within the Council approved contract. As virtual Council meetings had not been arranged yet, the contract extension was granted under the Emergency Delegated Authority By-law.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report CM20004(a) – COVID-19 Emergency Delegated Authority By-law Update