Hamilton and District Labour Council

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Mayor Eisenberger and City Councillors,

The Hamilton and District Labour Council, at a recent Executive meeting, adopted the following motion to propose to City Council. We agree with many of the discussions around the Council table that the federal and provincial governments need to step up to help our city.

I was on a recent call with the Council of the Canadian Labour Congress in which the Prime Minister promised to help workers across the country. One of the most effective ways to help workers is to ensure the services they need to live and get to and from work are secure. Before we concern ourselves about crossing an international border, workers need to concern themselves with how to get across town.

We hope City Council will consider adopting the following motions so that the Labour Council and City Council can stand side by side during this time of crisis. We would be appreciative of any support that members of Council could give in this regard.

We are Canadians. We are Ontarians. We LIVE in Hamilton.

Proposed Motion:

BECAUSE our local city and town councils, big or small, rural or urban are on the front lines of some of the most pressing challenges facing Canada;

BECAUSE municipal workers are going flat out to deliver the public services that keep us safe during the COVID-19 crisis;

BECAUSE municipal revenues are collapsing and unanticipated costs are soaring;

BECAUSE without financial help, cities and towns will be forced to cut vital local services our families and communities rely upon;

BECAUSE public transportation makes our communities more livable and fights climate change;

The City of Hamilton demands the federal and provincial governments to provide emergency operating funds to protect vital local services, including public transportation and emergency services.

In Solidarity,

Anthony Marco
President, Hamilton and District Labour Council