

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: October 28, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P. DANKO.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Protection of Century Manor

WHEREAS, Century Manor is contextually, historically, and architecturally significant as it is rooted in the development of institutionalized mental healthcare in Hamilton in the late 19th century, and is a rare example of a special-purpose building designed to house patients receiving mental health care, and is the only surviving building of its kind in Hamilton and one of the few still standing in the Province;

WHEREAS, there have been recent break-ins and vandalism at Century Manor which not only poses a significant threat to this important building, but also poses a threat to the health and safety of the public;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Property Standards By-law (10-221) requires owners of vacant buildings to secure and protect buildings against the unauthorized entry of persons by closing and securing openings to the building;

WHEREAS, while Century Manor is Provincially owned, the City of Hamilton wants to ensure that all appropriate security measures are being taken to protect this historical heritage asset;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City staff communicate with the Provinces Regional Facility Manager to request that the Province prepare a plan to better secure Century Manor and that the plan, in addition to the measures already in place, also include the following:

- (a) Metal sheathing covering all the lower doors and windows with distorted screw heads which is consistent with the City of Hamilton Property Standards Bylaw;
- (b) Motion sensors on exteriors;
- (c) Security cameras monitored by facility management; and,
- (d) A regular method of contact between the Regional Facility Manager and the City of Hamilton's Municipal Law Enforcement and Development Planning, Heritage & Design staff to ensure the security and status of the building.