

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): November 23, 2020

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

**SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR.....**

## **Stormwater Gap Evaluation**

WHEREAS, stormwater management is an essential service provided by the City of Hamilton that protects the property, livelihood, safety and health of residents, businesses, infrastructure and natural waterways in every part of the City;

WHEREAS, Climate Change mitigation requirements and current extreme weather events have punctuated the importance of a robust and functional stormwater management system throughout the City;

WHEREAS, there was a reorganization in 2019 that resulted in the Hamilton Water Division assuming responsibility for a number of Stormwater programs and projects;

WHEREAS, the existing assets managed by Hamilton Water include stormwater management facilities, municipal drains, watercourses, drainage easements, pumping stations, sections of shoreline, combined sewer overflow (CSO) tanks and outfalls;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Water expects to assume operation of 25 additional stormwater management facilities in the next few years;

WHEREAS, there are known and unknown gaps in the existing stormwater programs, particularly with respect to maintaining a sustainable level of service; and,

WHEREAS, asset management data is essential to the long-term performance of City infrastructure and reliable, stable financial strategy;

**THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED:**

That Hamilton Water staff be directed to perform a comprehensive evaluation of all City stormwater programs to identify existing gaps, immediate needs, risks to the City including risks from Climate Change and extreme weather, outline the levels of service that the City should strive to achieve, quantify funding requirements along with options for long term maintenance, second cycle replacements and financing alternatives and report back to Public Works Committee in the first quarter of 2021 with an information report.