

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: December 16, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR.....

COVID-19 Recreation User Fee Financial Relief

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic and associated Ontario response framework safety measures has affected access to municipal recreation facilities and recreation programs;

WHEREAS, recreation program access is grounded in the values of dignity and respect, health and wellness, social inclusion and quality of life at every experience;

WHEREAS, the recreation user fee guiding principles include accountability, community benefit, equitable, fair, affordable and financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the City relies on user fees as a source of revenue to support the delivery of municipal services, including recreation services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That all Recreation User fees be frozen at 2020 levels for 2021, with the loss in budgeted revenues in 2021 of an estimated \$289,000, to be funded from the establishment of a COVID-19 Recreation User Fee Financial Relief Program; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to include in the 2021 Tax Supported Budget, a COVID-19 Recreation User Fee Financial Relief Program, with a \$0 net levy impact, to be fully funded through Federal/Provincial COVID-19 Safe Restart Funding.