

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: December 16, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....

Ministerial Zoning Order Request to Facilitate the Rapid Housing Initiative to Construct Affordable Housing

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has served to exacerbate the affordable housing crisis in Hamilton;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is committed to supporting the development of affordable housing;

WHEREAS on October 27, 2020 the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) announced details of the Rapid Housing Initiative and a \$10.8 M allocation to create affordable housing in Hamilton;

WHEREAS the Rapid Housing Initiative required municipalities to submit completed investment plans with specific project details by November 27, 2020 and development projects to be completed within 12 months of signing of the agreement between CMHC and the City;

WHEREAS the timeline requirements of the Rapid Housing Initiative do not accommodate the timelines of all approvals involved in completing affordable housing development projects, including but not limited to various administrative, and Planning processes; and

WHEREAS the actions of many City divisions are required to complete affordable housing development projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton support the enactment of a Ministerial Zoning Order to permit residential uses on the ground floor of 350 King Street East;
- (b) That the Mayor be authorized and directed to request on behalf of the City of Hamilton that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing enact a Ministerial Zoning Order that would implement (a); and
- (c) That City staff be directed to provide any necessary supporting documentation to the Province to facilitate the implementation of the MZO requested in (b).