

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Planning Committee Date: January 12, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR COLLINS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Incentive Programs Amendment

WHEREAS, the City voluntarily provides financial incentives to assist with the remediation and redevelopment of brownfield properties within the urban area under the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Plan;

WHEREAS, the ERASE CIP authorizes the ERASE Redevelopment Grant (ERG) Program and ERASE Tax Assistance Program (TAP) which provide financial incentives on the basis of new municipal taxes generated as a result of the remediation and redevelopment of a brownfield site;

WHEREAS, brownfield sites may be subject to development proposals requiring planning applications and City Council approval(s) under the *Planning Act*;

WHEREAS, the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) has the ability to overturn City Council decisions on planning applications;

WHEREAS, applications under the ERG and TAP programs are brought for City Council consideration at such time as a site has received, at minimum, conditional Site Plan approval; and,

WHEREAS, the administrative provisions of the ERG and TAP programs do not currently contemplate refusal or reduction of a grant for developments which have been approved by LPAT in a form contrary to City Council decision(s);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Economic Development Division staff be directed to bring forward the following amendments to the ERG and TAP program terms for proposed developments that require *Planning Act* approval(s):

- (i) a grant application may be denied by Council if the development is not supported by Council notwithstanding any approval of *Planning Act* applications by any other authority including but not limited to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and that Council's decision on the ERG and TAP applications will not fetter its discretion on an *Planning Act* applications; and
- (ii) Council's approval of an ERG or TAP can provide for a reduced grant amount so that no grant is payable in respect of any portion of the development which Council does not support notwithstanding any approval of *Planning Act* applications by any other authority including but not limited to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and that Council's decision on the ERG and TAP applications will not fetter its discretion on an *Planning Act* applications.