

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: November 25, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Amendment to sub-sections (c) and (d) to Item 7 of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 20-001, respecting Use of External Services for Tax Assessment & Appeals (FCS20005) (City Wide)

WHEREAS, a staff report identifying the level of City involvement in Assessment Appeals will be presented to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on December 10, 2020;

WHEREAS, due to workloads and other priorities as a result of COVID-19, the modified Request for Proposals for consultancy firms specializing in Tax Assessment and Appeals will not be finalized until late 2020/early 2021; and

WHEREAS, no consulting costs were incurred in 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That sub-sections (c) and (d) to Item 7 of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 20-001, respecting Use of External Services for Tax Assessment & Appeals (FCS20005) (City Wide), which was approved by Council on January 22, 2020, be **amended** to amend the dates, as follows:

- (c) That staff report back on actual consulting costs incurred in ~~2020~~ **2021**, to determine if a sustainable funding source is required for ~~2024~~ **2022** and future; and,
- (d) That the consulting costs incurred in ~~2020~~ **2021** be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve. (Account number 110046).

Main Motion as **amended**, to read as follows:

- (a) That staff be directed to proceed with a modified Request for Proposals, in adherence to By-law 17-064, Procurement Policy #5.4, for consultancy firms specializing in Tax Assessment and Appeals;

- (b) That the General Manager of Corporate Services or designate be authorized to negotiate and execute all agreements and any ancillary documents required in a form satisfactory to the City of Hamilton (City);
- (c) That staff report back on actual consulting costs incurred in ~~2020~~ **2021**, to determine if a sustainable funding source is required for ~~2024~~ **2022** and future; and,
- (d) That the consulting costs incurred in ~~2020~~ **2021** be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve. (Account number 110046).