

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: July 5, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....

Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community-Building Funds

WHEREAS, Deputy Prime Minister Freeland announced Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, to authorize certain payments to be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and to amend another Act, which would permanently rename the Federal Gas Tax Fund to the Canada Community-Building Fund and increase funding by \$2.2 billion in 2021, almost double the allocation for this year, totaling approximately \$4.5 billion;

WHEREAS, Bill C-25 has not yet been enacted by the House of Commons Canada;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton expects to receive \$32.7 million in one-time funding under Bill C-25 in 2021;

WHEREAS, Federal Gas Tax Funds must be spent within five years;

WHEREAS, highway infrastructure and infrastructure for local roads and bridges eligible projects under the Federal Gas Tax Agreements include roads, bridges, tunnels, highways and active transportation infrastructure referring to investments that support active methods of travel of cycling lanes and paths, sidewalks, hiking and walking trails;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton maintains roads related infrastructure with an estimated value of \$6 Billion, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has a funding gap that does not maintain our current condition for Roads Related infrastructure;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

- (a) That \$30 million of the estimated \$32.7 million of the one-time funding under Bill C-25, be invested in sidewalk and road repairs (minor maintenance);
- (b) That the funds be allocated equally amongst 15 wards (\$2m per ward); and,
- (c) That staff report back with a procurement process that expedites the use of the funds to limit exposure to rising (inflationary) prices.