

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: September 15, 2021

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....**

### **Supporting Community Resilience through the Stirton Tot Lot Community Greenspace Project in Ward 3**

WHEREAS the current state of the Stirton Tot Lot, located in Ward 3, is dilapidated, a magnet for illegal dumping, and at it's worst, characterized as a dangerous.

WHEREAS the current state of the lot deters community engagement, and facilitates lateral violence, and harmfully antisocial behavior.

WHEREAS the illegal dumping contains needles, biohazardous and environment waste that is dangerous to wildlife and pedestrians moving through the space.

WHEREAS the site is currently unusable, overlooked, and undervalued, and resident feedback necessitates the need for local, safe, and accessible greenspace.

WHEREAS the site is currently inaccessible to community use and there is need for social infrastructure that facilitates community engagement in the space.

WHEREAS colonization has damaged the Lot's environment creating a urgent need for settlers to acknowledge and utilize sustainable practices to transition the environment back to harmony with local native ecosystems.

WHEREAS the resident-led Stirton Tot Lot Steering Committee will engage in relationship building with community members and continually invite Indigenous and marginalized local people into decision making roles regarding the space.

WHEREAS the Stirton Tot Lot Steering Committee aims to enhance the space and inspire a sense of stewardship, community, and peace.

WHEREAS the Stirton Tot Lot Steering Committee is fiscally sponsored by the Hamilton Naturalists Club

WHEREAS the social infrastructure that will be developed through this project include: a sustainable community garden designed to prioritize native ecologies that supports local pollinators, a community message board that encourages communication, and a mural by a local Indigenous artist which beautifies the space.

WHEREAS this resident-led community project will transform the urban space into usable and socially inclusive common ground for all to enjoy and actively participate in.

WHEREAS the project aims to foster a thriving and diverse natural habitat, that supports a diversity of interconnected species.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$15,000 from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Fund (Account #3301609603) be allocated to the Hamilton Naturalist's Club to assist in covering the costs associated with the Stirton Tot Lot Community Greenspace project; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor