

**CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION**

Emergency and Community Services: November 4, 2019

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. Nann
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR**

Winter Services Plan for People Experiencing Homelessness

WHEREAS, cold weather disproportionately impacts residents experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, needs are unique during cold alerts and circumstances change, requiring winter services to be monitored and adapted to ensure safe and welcoming places for people experiencing homeless during winter are available;

WHEREAS, there has been expressed need for increased provision of 24-hour respite sites during cold weather alerts that prioritize ease of access to safe indoor resting spaces; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Housing Service Division works with various partners to help mitigate and address negative impacts related to homelessness during the winter season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to develop an annual winter services plan for people experiencing homelessness that includes monitoring and adapting to emerging needs, for report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.