



CITY OF HAMILTON
City Manager's Office

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	August 10, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	COVID-19 Emergency Delegated Authority By-Law Update (CM20004(b)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The purpose of this Information Report is to provide Council with an update on the use of the Emergency Delegated Authority By-law from June 1, 2020 to July 24, 2020.

BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2020, the City activated its Emergency Operation Centre under the City's Emergency Management Plan, pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA).

On March 17, 2020 the Province of Ontario declared a state of emergency under the EMCPA.

On March 20, 2020 Council adopted Emergency Delegated Authority By-law 20-044 granting the City Manager delegated authority to take certain actions during the COVID-19 Emergency. At the time the By-law was passed, Council requested updates be provided on the exercise of authority under the By-law.

On June 3rd, 2020 an Information Report titled "COVID-19 Emergency Delegated Authority By-Law Update (CM20004(a))" was tabled with Council. It included the use of the delegated authority from March 23, 2020 to May 29, 2020.

This report is the second update on the use of Emergency Delegated Authority By-law 20-044.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

INFORMATION

Similar to the first update, the By-law was used to facilitate the acceptance and quick distribution of funding from other levels of government for the COVID-19 emergency response related to housing and shelter services.

The City of Hamilton has received Federal and Provincial funding to help support the response to COVID-19 in our community. The amounts received are as follows:

- a) \$2,651,550 from Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for People Experiencing and at Risk of Homelessness; and
- b) \$6,880,800 from Ontario's Social Services Relief Fund, provided through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI).

Since the last update report, the City received an additional \$376,584 from the Federal Government. This additional amount is reflected in the total above.

In this reporting period, these funds were distributed to various community organizations under the terms of the funding agreements, as outlined in Appendix "A" to Report CM20004(b).

In addition, the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario has provided funding to support economic recovery associated with the COVID-19 outbreak. The funds are administered by the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario. These funds are from a pool of \$30M dedicated to tourism efforts and targeted to destination marketing organizations. The City is Hamilton's designated marketing organization under the brand of Tourism Hamilton. Staff are currently confirming the terms of the funding to determine how it will be allocated.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report CM20004(b) – COVID-19 Emergency Delegated Authority By-law Update.