

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Public Works Committee: February 14, 2022

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. Farr.....

Corktown Park Improvements, 175 Ferguson Avenue South, Hamilton (Ward 2):

WHEREAS, the school children at Queen Victoria School have a very limited footprint to play outdoors and on Queen Victoria School grounds

WHEREAS, Corktown Park at 175 Ferguson Avenue South in Ward 2, is adjacent to Queen Victoria School,

WHEREAS, for more than a year, the ward Councillor has been in discussions with both the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Chair and Trustee and Queen Victoria School parents to identify options for more outdoor play and learning,

WHEREAS, in some parts of the City of Hamilton including Queen Victoria School, the HWDSB has a policy to have staff inspect areas where school children may be playing or learning as part of school curriculum,

WHEREAS, Corktown Park is too large for school staff to be able to complete the inspection in a timely manner, and defining an area for school use would enable the use of that space for outdoor active play and learning,

WHEREAS, the field in Corktown Park closest to Ferguson Avenue South is under utilized during school hours,

WHEREAS, a four-foot galvanized fence surrounding the perimeter of the soccer field on the west side of Corktown Park would provide an opportunity for children from Queen Victoria School to have more opportunities for outdoor play; and

WHEREAS, fencing the field would benefit other programmed users of the park to avoid children running after balls onto the road.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the fencing enhancements to Corktown Park, 175 Ferguson Avenue South, Hamilton for the children from Queen Victoria School be funded from the Ward 2 Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Fund (#108032) at an upset limit, not to exceed \$30,000; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to approve and execute all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.