

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: February 16, 2022

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR

Local Tree Planting Initiatives in the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a Climate Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has created a program to plant 2 billion trees over 10 years;

WHEREAS, \$3.2 Billion will be invested in tree planting efforts to support Provinces, Territories, Third Party Organizations (for and not-for-profit) and Indigenous organizations;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has recently issued a Call for Proposals (December 16, 2021) to access federal tree planting resources;

WHEREAS, the program identifies cost-shared tree planting projects as one of two funding streams;

WHEREAS, trees can be planted on public lands;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has funded its own tree planting program for nearly two decades;

WHEREAS, Indigenous people are the original Hamiltonians and the original people of the Ancaster, Stoney Creek, Glanbrook, Flamborough, and Dundas areas;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has approved the development of the Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy's Indigenous Relations team will assist to engage, support, and collaborate;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton continues to work with the local urban Indigenous and treaty territories; and,

WHEREAS, Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy, through its commitment of implementing the Strategy, focuses on strengthening the City's relationship with the local indigenous community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to consult with representatives of Six Nations of the Grand River, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, the Huron-Wendat Nation, and the Joint Stewardship Board representatives, as well as representatives of Hamilton's urban Indigenous community/organizations for the purpose of establishing partnerships to access federal funding to assist with local tree planting initiatives in the City of Hamilton, and report back to the General Issues Committee.