

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: June 8, 2022

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR R. POWERS.....

The 2023 Battle of Stoney Creek Event

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is the owner and steward of Battlefield House Museum & Park National Historic Site

WHEREAS, the site was the location of the Battle of Stoney Creek on the night of 5-6 June 1813;

WHEREAS, there is a longstanding tradition of an annual event commemorating the site;

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID uncertainty during the planning period, the 2022 Battle of Stoney Creek event will not be held in person;

WHEREAS a 30-minute video Born in the Creek: a Battlefield House Museum & Park Retrospective is being produced for broadcast in summer 2022 that highlights Battlefield House Museum & Park and the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek.

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton desires that such events be aligned with City policies concerning equity, diversity and inclusion, inclusive of multiple perspectives and voices, educational in nature, respectful of varying perspectives on the historical events portrayed and provide economic impact for the enjoyment and benefit of the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to plan for the delivery of an in-person Battle of Stoney Creek themed event in 2023 that includes re-enactment activities, and that the event portray, in a respectful and historically-accurate manner, all communities involved with and impacted by the battle including Indigenous peoples, settlers, military forces and ordinary citizens;
- (b) That in preparation for this event staff be directed to consult with the public and key stakeholders on the scope, approach and programming of the event;
- (c) That staff conduct an environmental scan of the current best-practice approaches to similar commemorative events and sites and share the results with participants in the consultation; and
- (d) That staff be directed to report back to GIC with options for the 2023 event for direction.