

CITY OF HAMILTON M O T I O N

Emergency and Community Services: July 7, 2022

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Funding for Roots to Justice Initiative at J.C. Beemer Park

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has deepened social and economic disparities among equity seeking groups;

WHEREAS, young people have struggled from the negative impacts of the pandemic regarding mental health, isolation, and from inconsistent access to social, cultural and recreational programs;

WHEREAS, the pandemic has exacerbated food insecurity and the cost of food is continues to rise;

WHEREAS, the Roots to Justice program engages youth and racialized residents to cultivate and care for their community and environment, share knowledge gained through programming with their communities to build resilience and community care while also supporting households in need to be able to access food and other supports they would otherwise be unable to obtain;

WHEREAS, this program, in partnership with the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, will provide hand-on programming directed toward, but not limited to, low-income racialized youth in the Hamilton core to build skills and knowledge around gardening and food security; and

WHEREAS, Roots to Justice has met with City of Hamilton staff to develop a plan for the implementation and maintenance of garden boxes at J.C. Beemer Park;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$5000 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Cell Tower Account Number 3301609603 to the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion as the fiscal sponsor for the implementation of the Roots to Justice initiative at J.C. Beemer Park; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.