

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

General Issues Committee: September 21, 2022

**MOVED BY MAYOR F. EISENBERGER.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **City of Hamilton Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate**

WHEREAS, April is National Poetry Month and the Arts & Culture community significantly contributes to our community through festivals, showcases, events, and individual talents;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, Provincial Government, and many Canadian Municipalities have adopted a Poet Laureate Program to spotlight significant events and initiatives through the written and spoken work; and,

WHEREAS, Poet Laureate Programs have enhanced stakeholder engagement and relationships with community partners and libraries through their work in arts, culture, literacy, and reading;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Tourism and Culture staff be directed to develop and present a framework to the General Issues Committee for the implementation of a Poet Laureate Program & Youth Poet Laureate Program, which details annual projects, operational costs including honorariums, term length, selection criteria and the Terms of Reference for a Community Selection Committee that is inclusive to members of the public and community partners.