

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: January 18, 2023

MOVED BY MAYOR A. HORWATH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Establishment of a Mayor’s Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability

WHEREAS, Hamiltonians have articulated concerns about issues of transparency, access, and accountability at City Hall; and,

WHEREAS, Council is committed to ensuring that Hamiltonians feel confident that their elected officials have heard their concerns and will endeavor to address them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton establish a diverse Mayor’s Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability to be tasked with undertaking a comprehensive review of public concerns regarding access, transparency, and accountability at City Hall;
- (b) That staff, in consultation with the Mayor, develop and report back with a Terms of Reference for the Mayor’s Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability, that includes a one year term with a regular reporting schedule and that the meetings be chaired by two Co-Chairs, appointed by the Mayor;
- (c) That the Mayor’s Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability provide actionable recommendations to the General Issues Committee to address these concerns and improve public access, transparency and accountability at Hamilton City Hall including the suggested measurements for success linked to each recommendation; and,
- (d) That the Mayor’s Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability at City Hall be provided with a budget of up to \$50,000 for the purpose of soliciting input and feedback from Hamiltonians to inform their work, and that this be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve 110046.