



## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 23-003

3:55 p.m.

February 15, 2023

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West

**Present:** Mayor A. Horwath (Chair), Deputy Mayor N. Nann  
Councillors J. Beattie; C. Cassar; B. Clark; J.P. Danko; M. Francis; T. Hwang; C. Kroetsch; N. Nann; E. Pauls; M. Spadafora; M. Tadeson and A. Wilson.

**Absent:** Councillors T. Jackson, T. McMeekin and M. Wilson – Personal

Mayor Horwath called the meeting to order and recognized that Council is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

**(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)**

That the agenda for the February 15, 2023 Special meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
 YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mike Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
NOT PRESENT – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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There were no declarations of interest.

<b>MOTIONS</b>
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**3.1 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Round 3 (HSC20056(c))**

**(Nann/Hwang)**

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, be authorized and directed to enter into the Rapid Housing Initiative Agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to accept Hamilton's Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 allocation through the Cities Stream for the creation of affordable housing units through conversion or rehabilitation of existing buildings, new builds, including modular construction, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, be authorized and directed to administer the Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 (RHI3) entering into any agreements and ancillary agreements on such terms as they consider appropriate; approving purchase orders; exempting actions from approved City policies, procedures, and business practices as needed to meet RHI timelines; and taking other actions needed to ensure success, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That as a condition to approving the acceptance of the Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 funding made available for Hamilton affordable housing projects by CMHC, Council approve a preliminary financial contingency for Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 of up to \$5M from the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve (108020) for potential financial risks related to construction overages incurred for projects approved under the Cities Stream and that all actual draws against this commitment be brought to Council for approval;
- (d) That staff explore with CMHC and project proponents, strategies to minimize municipal exposure for construction overages for the projects selected in RHI3 and that these strategies be built into RHI3 contracts;
- (e) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with financial recommendations in the case that actual financial obligations against the City related to construction overages incurred for projects approved under the Cities Stream, exceed Council approved funding;

- (f) That, in light of, the federal funding shortfall inherent in Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3, and the federal program not keeping pace with construction costs, staff work with Council to educate the public and advocate for increased federal and provincial contribution for affordable housing projects; and
- (g) That Report HSC20056(c) respecting the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Rapid Housing Initiative remain confidential upon a formal public announcement.

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<b>CONFIRMING BY-LAW</b>
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**(Nann/Danko)**

That Bill No. 23-020, be passed and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-law, be numbered, be signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

020 To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

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**(Hwang/Tadeson)**

That, there being no further business, City Council be adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor A. Horwath

Andrea Holland  
City Clerk