

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: April 5, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. WILSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Stairs at Grant Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 13)

WHEREAS, historically residents living in the University Gardens Neighbourhood accessed the trail system, parking lot and active transportation routes to McMaster University via a set of stairs on Hamilton Conservation Authority Lands at Grant Boulevard;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Conservation Authority, in their review of the stairs determined that the stairs were in poor condition and unsafe, and therefore removed the stairs and upgraded the trail to provide an alternative route in the area;

WHEREAS, residents of the neighbourhood desire the stairs to be reinstated as the shortest route to the paths connecting to McMaster University;

WHEREAS, the land on which the stairs were constructed is owned by the Hamilton Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the provision of active transportation routes provides benefit to the city by encouraging residents to walk or bike to their destination, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing health and wellness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Corporate Real Estate Office staff be authorized and directed to negotiate the requisite agreement(s) between the City and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) to permit the City to design, construct and maintain a new set of stairs on HCA property located at the end of Grant Boulevard, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval;
- (b) That Public Works staff be directed to determine the budget and work required to design, construct (capital) and maintain (operating) a new set of stairs on Hamilton Conservation Authority property located at the end of Grant Boulevard, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval.