

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

City Council: April 12, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. TADESON.....

Amendment to City of Hamilton By-law 14-212, To Promote the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Woodlands on Private Property within the Urban Boundary of the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has declared a Climate Change Emergency and trees play an important role in the adaptation and mitigation of Climate Change;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton Urban Official Plan recognizes the importance of trees and woodlands to the health and quality of life in our communities and encourages the protection and restoration of trees and forests;

WHEREAS through the public consultation on the draft Urban Forest Strategy, the residents of Hamilton indicated that better protection for private trees, especially during development, was considered very important and that the City of Hamilton should do more to protect individual trees or groupings of trees that are not regulated by the current Woodlands By-laws; and

WHEREAS it is important to protect trees within future development areas until such time as Secondary Plans, including the identification of Natural Heritage Systems, have been prepared and adopted by Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff report back to Planning Committee with recommendations on how existing by-laws could be amended to provide protection to trees in the newly expanded urban boundary areas, and within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt; and
- (b) That additional staffing or resourcing needs required to implement and enforce the amended by-law be included in the report.