

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council Date: April 26, 2023

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....**

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

**Waiving Rental Fees for the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation’s 2023 Electric City Festival Event**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is the owner and steward of the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology National Historic Site (hereinafter referred to as the Museum of Steam & Technology);

WHEREAS, The Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation delivers an annual Electric City Festival on the grounds of the Museum of Steam & Technology;

WHEREAS, The Electric City Festival is an established event, highly popular with Hamiltonians while also being closely aligned with the mandate of the museum;

WHEREAS, it is the longstanding practice of the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation to seek an annual waiver of the venue rental fee associated with the Electric City Festival and additional hosting support from the Museum of Steam & Technology; and

WHEREAS, the hosting of this community event incurs added operational costs for the Museum of Steam & Technology.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to waive the \$1,125.00 rental fee for the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation’s 2023 Electric City Festival event to be held at the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology;
- (b) That staff be directed to inform the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, in writing, that rental fees for use of the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology for the Electric City Festival event in 2024 and beyond will not be waived by the City and refer them to the City Enrichment Fund for a potential application in 2023 for the 2024 event;
- (c) That lost rental revenue and operational expenses in the amount of \$14,105, incurred by the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology as a result of hosting the 2023 Electric City Festival, be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund (Reserve # 112221); and

- (d) That \$15 K be added to the Tourism & Culture Division's Heritage Resource Management 2024 base Operating Budget to provide operational funding for the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology to host the Electric City Festival event in 2024 and beyond.