

Authority: Item XX, Emergency & Community Services Committee

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CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. XX-XXX

To Authorize the Execution of a new Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement or amended to the previous agreement Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative between the City of Hamilton and His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to Receive Funding Under the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative, the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative.

WHEREAS the City is the Service Manager under the *Housing Services Act, 2011* and is authorized to operate and manage housing, including establishing, administering and funding programs for the provision of residential accommodation in its service area;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has provided a planning allocation amounts for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 to the City of Hamilton under the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) to repair, regenerate and expand community housing, and to protect affordability support for tenants; and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) to address local priorities in the areas of housing supply and affordability, including affordable rental construction, community housing repair, rental assistance, tenant supports, and affordable homeownership, in its service area;

AND WHEREAS in May 2019, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing established the 10-year plan for the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative which outlined guidelines through 2028;

AND WHEREAS on February 3, 2023, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing notified the City of Hamilton a planned allocation for 2023-24 and 2024-25 in the amounts of \$15,633,900 for Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative; \$6,844,000 Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has not yet confirmed whether a new transfer payment agreement or an amendment to the existing agreement will be required; or released the implementing regulations or the actual allocation for the above programs;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Upon receipt of the implementing guidelines and the documents for the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative, the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate is authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Transfer Payment Agreement or an amendment to the Transfer Payment Agreement dated April 28, 2022 with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario in respect of the - Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative and an ancillary documents for the allocation of funding for the years 2023 to 2025 with content satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor. ;

2. This By-Law shall come into effect upon its passing.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Andrea Horwath
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk