

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

City Council: June 21, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Support for 541 Eatery & Exchange and Helping Hands Streets Mission

WHEREAS, encampment enforcement has pushed unhoused residents living encamped on City Hall property to greenspaces in Wards 2 and 3, especially to Central and Woodlands Parks;

WHEREAS, 541 Eatery & Exchange is a non-profit and pay-it-forward restaurant located on Barton St E in Ward 3 rooted in the belief that everyone deserves access to nutritious food and operates as a place that fosters belonging around a shared table;

WHEREAS, since reopening to dining after pivoting to meal distribution due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 541 Eatery has seen record number of residents coming in, many of whom experience a range of health inequities, including local youth and students;

WHEREAS, Helping Hands Street Mission is a community-based organization that provides friendship, a safe space, and services that supports individuals facing houselessness and various other health inequities and challenges faced by residents;

WHEREAS, 541 Eatery and Helping Hands Street Mission have been experiencing a strain on resources and their ability to provide essential services as they respond to the influx of unhoused residents seeking refuge, support and food;

WHEREAS, City staff have reached out to both organizations to work towards a more fulsome and comprehensive response and, until such time, to ensure both organizations can manage the coming weeks they are in need of financial support.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$15,000 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) and \$15,000 from the Ward 2 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609602) to 541 Eatery & Exchange;
- (b) That \$2,500 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) and \$2,500 from the Ward 2 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609602) to Helping Hands Street Mission; and,
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.