

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Planning Committee Date: July 11, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P. DANKO

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Outstanding Parking Penalty Revenue (City Wide)

WHEREAS, beginning in 2020 the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario made several changes to the Ontario licence plate renewal program which included the relaxation of renewal expectations over the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic followed by the elimination of, and refunding of, fees associated with the renewal of licence plates;

WHEREAS, collectively changes to Ontario licence plate renewal program are believed to have made drivers less mindful, or aware of the need to renew their licence plates;

WHEREAS, licence plate holders are required to pay outstanding fees, such as Administrative Penalties issued by the City for parking infractions, in order to renew their licence plate;

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Hamilton Municipal Parking System and the City of Hamilton has observed an increase in uncollected Parking Penalty Revenues with the estimated cumulative impact on outstanding revenue being approximately \$3-\$3.5 M;

AND WHEREAS, other municipalities have seen similar trends in increased outstanding revenues corresponding to changes in licence plate renewals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Transportation to:

- (a) Outline concerns with respect to the observed link between changes to the Ontario licence plate renewal program and the City's ability to collect outstanding parking penalty revenues;
- (b) Request if the Ministry of Transportation intends to introduce new tools to assist with the collection of outstanding parking penalties issued by municipalities.