

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: August 18, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

Support for Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) in Hamilton - REVISED

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has been designated under the provincial French Language Service Act of Ontario as a francophone city as of December 31, 2000 to provide municipal services in both English and French;

WHEREAS, Hamilton is one of 14 Canadian cities designated by the Government of Canada's Francophone Immigration Strategy to service Francophones;

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and the Centre Francophone are the lead organizations applying for funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility (MSA) for a new Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the 2021 census identified over 50,000 Hamiltonians who speak French and of that population, approximately 10% are over the age of 55;

WHEREAS, FARFO and Centre Francophone have budgeted \$72,000 per year to provide French programming to serve Francophone seniors at the new Francophone SALCA;

WHEREAS, the funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility requires that the Municipality must contribute to a minimum of 20% of the net annual cost for maintaining and operating the program and that the contribution can be in cash, or in kind, or a combination thereof;

WHEREAS, Hamilton has 11 Senior Active Living Centres (SALCA) but none serving the Francophone population;

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and the Centre Francophone meets the eligibility criteria, as a community group; and

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and the Centre Francophone's, Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) is considered an eligible activity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account [3302109400] be provided to the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and the Centre Francophone to support their application for a Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA), at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$14,400 for 2023;
- (b) That staff review alignment of the Francophone SALCA proposal with the Long Term Facilities Master Plan and Recreation Master Plan, confirm SALCA organizational funding requirements, funding eligibility and City oversight requirements and review options for long term financing and report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee in advance of the 2024 operating budget; and,
- (c) That the mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute and required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.