

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: September 27, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

City's Support for the Doors Open Event in 2024

WHEREAS, Doors Open Hamilton is one of the 22 communities across the province that participate in the Ontario Heritage Trust Doors Open Program;

WHEREAS, Doors Open Hamilton in 2023 saw more than 12,000 visitors to 35 historic and cultural sites across the city;

WHEREAS, Doors Open Hamilton has for the last three years been led by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Hamilton Branch and the 2023 event relied on the services of more than 70 community volunteers;

WHEREAS, Doors Open Hamilton provides residents and visitors with access to many sites of historical and cultural significance in the City and therefore complements the Tourism and Culture Division's museums, programming and events;

WHEREAS, the City has in previous years provided in-kind support to Doors Open Hamilton programming in the form of staff support and free access to Hamilton Civic Museums and the Auchmar Manor House;

WHEREAS, the Tourism and Culture Division currently provides \$1500 in annual support to cover the cost of including Doors Open Hamilton on the Ontario Heritage Trust's Doors Open Ontario website; and

WHEREAS, there would be a benefit to the Doors Open event organizers, City staff and the community to enhance and formalize the City's support for the Doors Open event in 2024;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff in the Tourism & Culture Division be authorized and directed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (Hamilton Chapter) and any other appropriate community organizations that addresses the following:
 - (i) how City staff can support the success of the 2024 Doors Open event through in-kind support of making City venues open and available during the event, and staffing of City venues during the event;
 - (ii) one-time provision of funding support from the City for the 2024 Doors Open event in the amount of \$15,000 to be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund; and
 - (iii) appropriate performance expectations of the 2024 Doors Open event organizers with respect to the successful delivery of the event as it relates to the City's financial support.