

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: November 8, 2023

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....**

### **Confidentiality of Closed Session Meeting Discussions while Participating Virtually**

WHEREAS, the confidentiality of Closed Session meeting discussions is in keeping with good governance and benefits of all members of Council;

WHEREAS, members of Council and staff who are participating virtually during a Closed Session meeting should be located in a private room where those not participating in the Closed meeting would not have access to an attendee’s screen or overhear parts of a confidential discussion; and

WHEREAS, the wearing of headphones or some other type of hearing equipment would eliminate the opportunity for those not participating in the Closed meeting to overhear a confidential discussion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That By-law 21-021, A By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council, the ‘Procedure By-law’, be amended by adding Sub-Section 10.6 under Section 10 – Virtual Participation at Council and/or Committee Meetings, as follows:

- 10.6** Members of Council and staff attending virtually, shall during Closed Meetings ensure they are in a private room/**area** and use headphones or some other type of hearing equipment that eliminates the opportunity for those not participating in the Closed meeting to access an attendee’s screen and/or overhear the confidential discussion.