

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee: November 16, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON

Disaster Relief Assistance – Watermain Break (Hyde Park Avenue and Glenside Avenue) on November 12, 2023

WHEREAS residents of properties near the intersection of Hyde Park Avenue and Glenside Avenue in the City of Hamilton have experienced flooding as a result of a watermain break on November 12, 2023 and have incurred clean-up costs and property damage or loss;

WHEREAS Council desires to provide a compassionate grant of up to \$1,000 for residents' losses due to water damage and basement flooding for residential properties affected by this watermain break; and

WHEREAS the compassionate grant will rely on the Eligibility Criteria for the Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding as approved by Council on August 9, 2006, in report FCS06007, respecting Proposed Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding, except as it relates to the basement flooding arising from a severe rain storm event;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That for the purpose of invoking the Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding, Council declares the watermain break event at the intersection of Hyde Park Avenue and Glenside Avenue of November 12, 2023, as a "Disaster" for all affected residential properties within Ward 1 in the City of Hamilton;
- (b) That payment of claims be based on compassionate grounds only and shall not be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the City of Hamilton;
- (c) That the compassionate grant be payable in an amount being the lessor of \$1,000, the level of the resident's insurance deductible, or the resident's actual expense and loss incurred as a result of flooding, and further that the grant otherwise be determined under the Eligibility Criteria for the Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding as approved by Council on August 9, 2006, in report FCS06007, respecting Proposed Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding;
- (d) That the payment of the claims be funded from the Waterworks Reserve (108015); and,

- (e) That staff be authorized, if necessary, to retain independent adjusting services for the administration of claims under the Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding and that these administrative costs be funded from the Waterworks Reserve (108015).