

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

City Council: May 24, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Keith Neighbourhood Health Equity Initiative (Ward 3)

WHEREAS, recent demolition in the Keith Neighbourhood has driven vermin from industrial to residential areas;

WHEREAS, the Keith Neighbourhood has been experiencing a drastic rise in Norway rats, which are rodents notorious for evading prevention efforts that Public Health recommends;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Public Health has no active pest control program, nor a neighbourhood-wide pest control program;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Public Health has attended the neighbourhood to investigate the issue and confirmed that the infestation is not due to property standards issues, that could be more easily fixed;

WHEREAS, the risk to public health and the potential for transmission of communicable disease, as well as the erosion of dignity, quality of life and general wellbeing is being negatively impacted as this infestation continues;

WHEREAS, Inner City Outreach Ministry, which is a registered charity that operates out of the Eva Rothwell Centre, is undertaking a neighbourhood-wide project that empowers residents to exterminate the rat infestation in the neighbourhood; and

WHEREAS, residents across the Keith neighbourhood are leading the way for alleyway clean ups and caring for one another to ensure rats are not simply displaced from one home to another.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant be provided to the Inner City Outreach Ministry to ensure adequate funding for the eradication and neighbourhood clean up efforts, to be funded from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account [3301609603] at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$25,000; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.