

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: December 13, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

2023 Hamilton Vacant Residential Unit Tax - REVISED

WHEREAS, a Vacant Residential Unit Tax is intended to support Hamilton's housing efforts by encouraging property owners to rent or sell vacant units; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2023, Hamilton City Council voted against the approval of a Hamilton Vacant Residential Unit Tax By-law being a By-law to Establish a Vacant Unit Tax to impose a tax upon residential units that were vacant in 2023;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to prepare an Information Report to the General Issues Committee meeting of January 17, 2024 that includes the following information:
 - (i) Implications, financial, staffing, legal, resident outreach and otherwise, of voting against the 2023 Hamilton Vacant Residential Unit Tax By-law;
 - (ii) The ease of use and options that were planned for completing a declaration online or on printed paper to be mailed or dropped-off at select Hamilton locations;
 - (iii) The communication and public education plan developed on the Vacant Residential Unit Tax for residential property owners; and
 - (iv) Opportunities and limitations of using information from utility bills to assist in determining if residential units are vacant including but not limited to risk management practices and requirements from the *Municipal Act*, the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and other legislation.