

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: December 13, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR E. PAULS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Reconsideration of a decision that was approved at the July 14, 2023 Council meeting respecting Item 1 of the Public Works Committee Report 23-010, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(a)) (City Wide)

That Item 1 of Public Works Committee Report 23-010, respecting Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(a)) (City Wide), which was approved by Council on July 14, 2023 and reads as follows, be reconsidered:

- 1. Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
 - (a) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to the suspend the HSR Temporary Transit Fare Special program and the Ontario Works Affordable Transit Pass program, effective December 31st, 2023, to introduce a pilot for HSR Fare Assist program, for the period of January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, and;
 - (b) That the total cost over the life of the pilot program, estimated at \$3.28 million including 2 temporary full-time employees, be funded through any available provincial funding and/or the Provincial Gas Tax Reserve (reserve #112204), and;
 - (c) That Council approve the request to expand/extend the contract for Self-Service Benefits Portal, provided by Clark Marketing Communications Contract #C003020, to include HSR Fare Assist program as a benefit for tracking and reporting at a one-time cost of \$24,000 to be funded through the Provincial Gas Tax Reserve (reserve #112204) in 2023, and;
 - (d) That Council approve the transfer of \$248,680 allocated in the Ontario Works Division base levy for the Affordable Transit Pass to the Transit Division during the 2024 budget process, and;
 - (e) That staff report back no later than March 2025 to provide a status update of the Fare Assist Program, including ridership, costs, and effectiveness, and;
 - (f) That staff bring forward a final report to the 2026 budget process with recommendations regarding the status of the Fare Assist program.