

CITY OF HAMILTON

AMENDING MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): January 30, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. SPADAFORA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

Hospital Capital Contribution (FCS23108)

WHEREAS, On June 14, 2023, at the General Issues Committee (GIC) meeting, Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton provided an overview of major hospital redevelopment projects to seek support to work with City staff to explore local share funding options.

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2023 staff presented Report FCS23108, Hospital Capital Contribution to the General Issues Committee that directed staff to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations on financing options for the City’s local share contribution in Q1 of 2024;

WHEREAS, The Ontario Government provides funding for hospital capital projects under the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund, Major Capital Projects Program and project planning

WHEREAS, the Ontario government funds 90% of eligible hospital construction project costs and 100% of eligible planning, design, financing and transaction costs. The balance of the construction project costs, hospital furniture/ equipment and non-shareable costs including constructing a parking facility or renovating or constructing a gift or coffee shop which are revenue producing are the financial responsibility of the hospital funded under the Local Share Plan

WHEREAS, the local share is estimated at \$363.6 M for HHSC and \$265.0 M for SJHH.

WHEREAS, expected contributions from the hospital foundations of between 25% and 28% of the local share, there is a balance of approximately \$462 M requested from contributions by the City of Hamilton.

WHEREAS, the Proposed 2024 Tax Budget contains a placeholder of 1% (\$12M) residential tax levy increase as a potential municipal contribution to the Local Share Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to remove the 1% placeholder for the Hospital redevelopment from the 2024 tax budget.