

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Public Works Committee: February 5, 2024

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

**Re-instating the Tree Canopy within Westdale Business Improvement Area (Ward 1)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton, was recognized as a 2022 Tree City of the World by the United Nations;

WHEREAS, Hamilton’s Urban Forest Strategy sets out the importance of the urban forest to the economic, social and environmental health of the city;

WHEREAS, trees are one tool that cities have to help mitigate the effects of climate change and create more livable cities while accommodating increased population and density;

WHEREAS, the streets along the Westdale Business Improvement Area has lost much of its original canopy to age and stress;

WHEREAS, the replacement trees that were installed throughout the Westdale Business Improvement Area to replace larger shade trees lack diversity and are all small ornamental tree species that provide minimal impact on the overall urban tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to increase the level of tree planting from the current rate of 10,000 to 12,000 trees per year to 20,000 trees per year and achieve a City-wide urban tree canopy target of 40% by 2050.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Public Works staff be authorized and directed to use a tree spade to transplant eight existing ornamental street trees from the Westdale Business Improvement Area into parks within Ward 1;
- (b) That Public Works staff be authorized and directed to purchase and install fourteen new replacement street trees along the Westdale King Street within the Westdale Business Improvement Area that will promote diversity and shade within the streetscape;

- (c) That the funding for the spading of the eight trees within the Westdale Business Improvement Area at a cost not to exceed \$5,100, including contingency, be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Re-Investment Reserve (108051) be approved; and
- (d) 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.