

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee Date: February 8, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN

2024 Frost Bites Festival - Celebrating Community-building in Ward 3

WHEREAS, Frost Bites, now in its 8th year, Frost Bites returns to Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre in Ward 3 as a one-week community-embedded festival inspiring residents to engage in free public events that build connections and celebrate community-building in Ward 3 and across the city while activating public spaces;

WHEREAS, Frost Bites is exemplary of winter community programming for all ages that radically reimagines a performing arts festival with a grass-roots creation approach, while showcasing live Indigenous music, participatory storytelling sessions in English & French, indoor and outdoor activities,

WHEREAS, Frost Bites has a history of activating and illuminating community spaces in Ward 3 along Barton St through a unique lineup of performances and activities, including at the Westinghouse, 541 Café & Eatery, and at the Cotton Factory, and will once again use the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre as the festival hub in 2024 for all residents to enjoy;

WHEREAS, Frost Bites has connected and formed partnerships with a diversity of community organizations in Ward 3, including the Afro-Caribbean Canadian Association, Hamilton Aerial Group, L'Arche, the Immigrant Working Centre, Centre Francophone, Indigenous consultants, and Keeping Six to ensure that programming is developed by and for the community, while also informing the community;

WHEREAS, the Frost Bites festival is organized in part by Ward 3 residents, features artists and performers from Ward 3, and will provide resiliency to the local community in a recovery framework by building community connections, supporting arts, developing skill sets and highlighting a facility with a variety of beneficial programming; and

WHEREAS, the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account is at the discretion of the Ward 3 Councillor's Office and has been used to empower resident-led initiatives that benefit the local community and harness resilience and belonging in Ward 3.

- (a) That \$2500 be allocated from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account 3301609603 to the Hamilton Festival Theatre Company as the fiscal sponsor for the Frost Bites Festival; 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.