

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Council Date: February 14, 2024

**MOVED BY MAYOR A. HORWATH.....**

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

**Establishing a Sister City relationship between the City of Hamilton and Paynesville City, Liberia**

WHEREAS, a Sister City is a broad-based, long-term partnership between two communities in two countries. A relationship is officially recognized after the highest elected or appointed official from both communities sign off on an agreement to become sister cities;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has established Sister City (twinning) relationships with several other cities internationally in the past;

WHEREAS, establishing a Sister City relationship Paynesville City in Liberia builds on the success of the decade long multi-layer and local partnerships forged by Empowerment Squared to build the Liberian Learning Center (Hamilton Public Library, McMaster University, McCallum Sather Architects, Rotary Club of Hamilton); and

WHEREAS entering into a Sister City Agreement with Paynesville City in Liberia will formalize and strengthen the relationship between our two cities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- (a) That the City of Hamilton supports establishing a Sister City relationship between the City of Hamilton and Paynesville City, Liberia; and
- (b) That pursuant to the adoption of this resolution, the City Manager be directed to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Paynesville, Liberia to formalize the Sister City relationship.