

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: February 14, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. WILSON.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR A. HORWATH.....

Potential Lease with Kemp Care Network to Build a Paediatric Hospice at 41 South St. West

WHEREAS a critical gap in health infrastructure for the most seriously ill and dying children and those grieving their loss exists in Southcentral Ontario, and this gap is to be filled with the build of a paediatric hospice in Hamilton by Kemp Care Network (formerly Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice), close to and in partnership with the world-renowned McMaster Children's Hospital. Filling this gap could help 1000 seriously ill and dying children in our region and provide a healing ripple to thousands more;

WHEREAS on January 25, 2023 Council directed that staff undertake the due diligence required to determine the feasibility of the proposed disposition of the vacant surplus lands at 41 South St. W (rear) to the Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice, including but not limited to valuation, tenure, land use, and maximization of site utilization, and that staff report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations respecting a land disposition strategy for the site;

WHEREAS the Kemp Care Network has undertaken due diligence and has identified no challenges to the viability or feasibility of the future build;

WHEREAS City staff and the Kemp Care Network are in the process of undertaking a site analysis to ensure prudent development and maximal use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the disposition strategy for the vacant surplus lands at 41 South St. W (rear), which staff has been directed to bring back to the General Issues Committee for Council's consideration, incorporate the following as part of the terms and conditions:
- (i) a lease rate of \$25,000 a year, to commence upon occupancy (expected early 2026);
 - (ii) a lease term of 49-years; and
 - (iii) a requirement for a report by the Kemp Care Network to the General Issues Committee at least every five years, including a report by Kemp Care Network on community impact.