

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Council Date: March 27, 2024

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. McMEEKIN.....**

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

### **Supporting the Souharissen Natural Area**

WHEREAS, Waterdown is located on land covered by the Silver Covenant Chain of Friendship extended here through the Great Council at Niagara in 1764 (The Treaty of Niagara);

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Waterdown’s 55-acre Souharissen Natural Area by Gimma Bryan Laforme of the Mississaugas of the Credit Nation and the Hon. David C. Onley, 28<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Ontario;

WHEREAS, speaking at the dedication ceremony, Giima Bryan Laforme remarked ““The Treaty of Niagara Covenant Wampum Belt provided the inspiration for this Moment. May today mark the renewal of those pledges of peace and friendship made over 200 years ago . . . May this mark the beginning of a new partnership between the people of this region and our First Nation”;

WHEREAS, as part of the celebration of the partnership represented by Souharissen Natural Area, the Ward 15 Flamborough Community Council would like to allocate funds towards a student-led project to develop a 7.05-acre section with their Treaty Partners near the *Trend Condo Towers*;

WHEREAS, this project was approved by the Ogimma Kwe and Council of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That up to \$10,000 be allocated from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) to support the Souharissen Natural Area Project; 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.