

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

General Issues Committee: April 3, 2024

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....**

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

### **Waiving Street Festival Fees for Use of On-Street Parking Spaces (City Wide)**

WHEREAS, increasing pedestrian access to our downtown streets is an important way to build community and increase safety;

WHEREAS, street festivals are an important tool to support broader economic activity;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Municipal Parking System typically charges a fee to help offset the loss in revenue where street festivals remove metered on-street parking from service;

WHEREAS, reducing the costs associated with street festivals could increase their number;

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2023, Council approved a resolution that the fees typically applied to offset revenue losses from on-street metered parking being removed from service be waived for street festivals qualifying under the Special Event Advisory Team (SEAT) process for the 2023 season, with the revenue losses to be offset from the Economic Development Investment Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the financial cost of the 2023 Council resolution was an estimated \$34,000 and resulted in cost savings for important festivals and events, such as Dundas Cactus Festival, Concession Street Fest, Grey Cup Festival on James Street, and the Santa Claus Parade;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the fees typically applied to offset revenue losses from metered on-street parking being removed from service be waived for street festivals qualifying under the Special Event Advisory Team (SEAT) process for the 2024 season;
- (b) That the estimated revenue off-set for the Hamilton Municipal Parking System be funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve (112221); and,

- (c) That staff also include an examination and recommendations for a sustainable way to reduce or eliminate the costs of the use of metered on-street parking spaces for street festivals qualifying under the Special Event Advisory Team (SEAT) process when reporting back to the General Issues Committee by the second quarter of 2024 on the Internal Facilitation of Special Events including Traffic Control Plans as per Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 7 and Implementation of Temporary Road Closures for Event Organizers.