

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: April 10, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P. DANKO.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

**Ward 7 and Ward 8 Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Funds For
Concession Street Business Improvement Area Hamilton Mountain Total Solar
Eclipse Viewing Party**

WHEREAS a total solar eclipse is when the moon passes completely between the Earth and the Sun resulting in a narrow shadow zone being cast on the Earth referred to as the path of totality;

WHEREAS on Monday, April 8, 2024, the City of Hamilton will directly lie in the path of totality;

WHEREAS the last total solar eclipse visible in Hamilton took place 99 years ago on January 24, 1925;

WHEREAS the next total solar eclipse visible in Hamilton will take place in 120 years on October 26, 2144;

WHEREAS a total solar eclipse provides an opportunity for Hamiltonians to gather, learn about astronomy and its environmental impact, and socialize via Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Parties; and

WHEREAS the Concession Street Business Improvement Area strives to highlight the social and cultural significance of Concession Street, increase economic activity on Concession Street, encourage a sense of community, as well as maximize the use of Mountain Park Avenue, Mountain Brow Boulevard, and Sam Lawrence Park as community spaces ideal for their beautiful vista, hiking, and birding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant at an upset limit, not to exceed \$6,000 be provided to the Concession Street Business Improvement Area to subsidize costs for a Concession Street Business Improvement Area Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party including protective solar eclipse viewing sunglasses, refreshments, entertainment, security, and clean-up, be funded equally by the Ward 7 Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Fund (3302109700) and the Ward 8 Special Capital Re-investment Discretionary Fund (3302109800);

- (b) That any funds allocated and distributed be exempt and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund for the years 2024 and 2025; and
- (c) 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.