

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: April 10, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

Amendment to Item 2 of the Public Health Committee Report 23-007, respecting Hamilton Opioid Action Plan (BOH23021) (City Wide)

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 21, 2023, City Council approved Item 2 of Public Health Committee Report 23-007, respecting Hamilton Opioid Action Plan (BOH23021) (City Wide);

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Opioid Action Plan was approved including municipal investment in an 18-month supervised consumption site in a men’s shelter pilot through a Call for Applications by the Housing Services Division and, resulted in no submissions from men’s shelter service providers;

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2024 the Public Health Committee deferred the consideration of Report HSC24001/BOH23021(a), respecting Hamilton Opioid Action Plan: Embedded Harm Reduction Pilot be to the April 2, 2024, Public Health Committee meeting, and directed Public Health Services staff to report back upon further consultation with the Opioid Action Table and the Hamilton Drug Strategy Steering Committee;

WHEREAS, staff, as directed, consulted with the Hamilton Opioid Action Table and Hamilton Drug Strategy Steering Committee to develop a recommendation to reallocate the use of \$667,000 to implement Hamilton Opioid Action Plan goals within the next three months; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a new safe consumption site, the Hamilton Opioid Action Table developed the following recommendation to reallocate the use of \$667,000, which have been endorsed by the Hamilton Drug Strategy Steering Committee, and will balance the current needs of our community by supporting an existing safe consumption site, bringing new harm reduction support to men’s emergency shelters, and providing peer support to unhoused people who use substances, including those living in encampments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) That Item 2 of the Public Health Committee Report 23-007, respecting Hamilton Opioid Action Plan (BOH23021) (City Wide), **be amended**, to read as follows:

2. Hamilton Opioid Action Plan (BOH23021) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the Hamilton Opioid Action Plan, attached as Appendix “A” to Report BOH23021, be approved;
- (b) That the Public Health Services budgeted complement be increased by 1.0 FTE Health Strategy Specialist, with funding for the 2023 costs of \$39,048 to come first from any Public Health Services levy funded surplus, then from the Public Health Services Reserve (112219), and that the 2024 operating cost of \$116,760 be included in the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;
- (c) That a one-year drug checking and surveillance system pilot be implemented in a manner satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that staff report back to the Public Health Committee in Q3 2024, at a cost of \$118,000 to be funded in 2023, first from any Public Health Services levy funded surplus, then from Public Health Services Reserve (112219), and that the 2024 operating costs of \$60,000 be included in the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;
- (d) That ~~**an 18-month pilot be implemented to provide a supervised consumption site in a men’s shelter by Housing Services through a Call for Applicants, for a total cost of \$667,000 be used to balance the current needs of our community by supporting an existing safe consumption site, bringing new harm reduction support to men’s emergency shelters, and providing peer support to unhoused people who use substances, including those living in encampments, by initiating the following initiatives over the 2024-2025 budget years:**~~
- (i) **by authorizing and directing the General Manager Healthy & Safe Communities to implement an agreement in a form satisfactory to Legal Services for 12 months of bridge funding with the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) Hamilton for the Safer Use Space at a maximum cost of \$300,000;**
- (ii) **by authorizing the General Manager Healthy & Safe Communities to implement a 12-month pilot for Embedded Harm Reduction in Men’s Emergency Shelters at a cost of \$300,000; and**

- (iii) by authorizing the General Manager Healthy & Safe Communities to fund Peer Support to support unhoused people who use substances, including those living in encampments, through a Call for Applicants at a cost of \$67,000.**
- (e) That the cost of \$667,000, as outlined in subsection (d), be funded through the Early Years System Reserve (11218), as approved by the 2024 Tax Operating Budget \$120,000 for 2023 ~~be funded from first from any Healthy and Safe Communities departmental levy funded surplus, then from Public Health Services Reserve (112219), and that the costs of \$547,000 be included in the 2024 and 2025 Tax Operating Budget;~~**
- (f) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department or delegate be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement the *initiatives outlined in subsection (d) Call for Applicants for a shelter based supervised consumption space, including but not limited to spending caps, benefit frequency limits, or other controls necessary to ensure costs are contained within the approved budget;* and**
- (g) That Public Health Services report back with an evaluation of the initiatives, including the perspectives of people with lived experience, no later than Q4 of 2025.**