

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Emergency & Community Services Committee - April 18, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR A. WILSON

Queen Victoria Elementary School Nutrition Program (Ward 2)

WHEREAS, in 2023 funds from the Ward 2 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609602) were allocated to organizations that address poverty and food insecurity, including Compass Community Health, 541 Eatery & Exchange, and Helping Hands Street Mission;

WHEREAS, the Queen Victoria Elementary School Nutrition Program is a breakfast program run by the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success for students at Queen Victoria Elementary School in Ward 2;

WHEREAS, nearly 10% of children at Queen Victoria Elementary School experience food insecurity and receive food packages from Food4Kids Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Queen Victoria Elementary School Nutrition Program received some support through Tastebuds Hamilton, Hamilton Bulldogs, PC Children's Charity, Oakrun Farm Bakery, and other donors;

WHEREAS, the program costs \$1.00 per student for 580 students for 194 school days for a total of \$112,520.00 per school year;

WHEREAS, the Queen Victoria Elementary School Nutrition Program is trying to grow the program so that every child can be offered a meal without singling out those who need it more than others; and

WHEREAS, they are building a pool of volunteers to increase fundraising efforts, but need time to do so, and the need is imminent, with a \$6,000 shortfall in the 2023-24 school year

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- (a) That up to \$6,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609602) to the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success; 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.