

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

City Council: November 22, 2023

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....**

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

**One-Time Request for funding to Support Ward 1 Community Safety Needs**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton, through the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan has identified addressing rising hate incidents as a priority action and has committed to addressing and reducing hate and identity-based violence including anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism, xenophobia, transphobia, homophobia and other forms of discrimination;

WHEREAS, an increased atmosphere of identity-based hatred, including but not limited to: antisemitism, Islamophobia, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and racism, has resulted in real and growing safety concerns for equity-deserving members of our community;

WHEREAS, there have been recent acts of violence against Jewish communal organizations in Canada, including arson attempts on Jewish congregations in Montreal and shots fired at Yeshiva Gedola and Talmud Torah Elementary School, and substantiated threats to Jewish communal organizations in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Ward 1’s Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Adas Israel Synagogue and Temple Anshe Sholom have identified substantiated increased safety concerns for their students, congregants and tenants that will require increased expenditures on security measures; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Adas Israel Synagogue and Temple Anshe Sholom is committing to meeting this increased operating expense on a go-forward basis but requires immediate gap funding to implement these measures without service reductions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That up to \$7,500 be allocated from the Ward 1 capital discretionary account (3302109100) to Hamilton Hebrew Academy on a one-time basis to acquire security infrastructure, effective immediately;
- (b) That up to \$7,500 be allocated from the Ward 1 capital discretionary account (3302109100) to Adas Israel Synagogue on a one-time basis for the installation security infrastructure, effective immediately;

- (c) That up to \$7,500 be allocated from the Ward 1 capital discretionary account (3302109100) to Anshe Sholom Temple on a one-time basis for the installation of security and infrastructure, effective immediately;
- (d) 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 2023 and 2024; and
- (e) 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.