

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee: May 18, 2024

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG .....**

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

### **Funding Allocation for McQuesten Urban Farm 2024 Operations**

WHEREAS, the McQuesten Urban Farm was one of the main neighbourhood development initiatives undertaken as part of the Neighbourhood Action Strategy and has been in operation on a parcel of City-owned land located at 384-390 Melvin Avenue since 2016;

WHEREAS, the McQuesten Urban Farm provides access to affordable fresh food in an area of the city that meets the criteria as a food desert;

WHEREAS, the McQuesten Urban Farm provides valuable programming focused on food security and healthy eating for families and youth as well as volunteering and community building opportunities for residents;

WHEREAS, the development of the Biindigen Well-Being Centre on the adjacent land parcel at 785 Britannia Avenue is underway and the McQuesten Urban Farm will be integrated with the Biindigen development;

WHEREAS, Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg is one of the members of Biindigen and has been the operator of the McQuesten Urban Farm since 2022; and

WHEREAS Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg is currently experiencing a budget shortfall to operate the McQuesten Urban Farm in 2024;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) That McQuesten Urban Farm in 2024 be funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account 3302109400 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$50,000; 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.