

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: June 26, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

2024 It's Your Festival Support

WHEREAS, It's Your Festival is one of Ontario's largest multicultural festivals and has taken place in Gage Park on the Canada Day weekend since 1969;

WHEREAS, the festival has traditionally been the largest Canada Day celebration in the Province of Ontario operated solely by volunteers, many of whom are Ward 3 residents;

WHEREAS, It's Your Festival celebrates diverse cultures from around the world, specifically on Canada Day, to foster a sense of belonging in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, It's Your Festival is predominantly organized by elders of the diverse equity-deserving communities that are celebrated at the festival;

WHEREAS, It's Your Festival provides an opportunity to showcase local community to the rest of the City and tourists that come from the GTA, Niagara, London, and beyond;

WHEREAS, the usual attendance for this festival over 3 days is 150000 people; and

WHEREAS, It's Your Festival provides an annual Parade of Cultures, Canadian Citizenship Ceremony and many performance groups from different cultures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$10,000 be allocated from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) to Hamilton Folk Arts Heritage Council; 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.