

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: June 26, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Celebrating Francophone Resilience & Culture in Ward 3 - 2024

WHEREAS, FrancoFEST is organized by the Centre Francophone Hamilton and is the largest Francophone arts and culture festival on the Niagara Peninsula;

WHEREAS, FrancoFEST attracts over 30,000 Francophones and Francophiles annually and has taken place for 11 years at Gage Park in Ward 3;

WHEREAS, FrancoFEST celebrates the rich diversity of our local Francophone community, and from around the world, creating a very important space of belonging and community;

WHEREAS, FrancoFEST has partnered this year with the Hamilton Regional Indian Center to offer cultural capacity training to their volunteers in order to facilitate a better understanding of their Indigenous neighbours' pasts, presents and futures;

WHEREAS, one of the three days dedicated to FrancoFEST occurs on Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21st, and the festival seeks to celebrate the rich cultural legacy of Indigenous Peoples, teach more of Indigenous history to Francophone newcomers through traditional arts;

WHEREAS, the Friday June 21st performance by Mi'gmafrica equitably balances the traditions from Indigenous Peoples, and newcomers to Canada from the African continent;

WHEREAS, FrancoFEST has a tourism regional economic impact of about \$2.2M every year, as calculated using the province's model.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$2500 be allocated from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) to Centre français Hamilton Inc toward costs associated with the FrancoFEST; 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.