

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council Date: July 12, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR A. WILSON.....

Workers Arts and Heritage Centre Capital Updates and Repairs (Ward 2)

WHEREAS Workers Arts and Heritage Centre (WAHC), as a not-for-profit institution, does not have sufficient funding to take on emerging capital updates and repairs to the Hamilton Custom House, where they host their operations and programming;

WHEREAS the Hamilton Custom House was built between 1858 and 1860 and is one of the oldest remaining federal public buildings in Canada;

WHEREAS the Hamilton Custom House is a heritage-listed building of important historical and architectural significance to Ward 2 and the City of Hamilton, and is recognized as a heritage easement site through the Ontario Heritage Foundation;

WHEREAS Workers Arts and Heritage Centre is a museum that celebrates the history of workers and labour and is of important cultural and historical significance to Ward 2 and the City of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS Workers Arts and Heritage Centre staff obtained the following quotes and estimates for necessary capital updates and repairs:

- Heritage window pane repair by Lower City Joinery for \$4,881.60
- River stone hardscaping on exterior of the building for \$2,358.34
- Plaster restoration by Acanthus Heritage Plastering Inc. for \$10,000
- Chain link fence replacement for \$9,034.35
- LED lighting conversion by Christopher’s Electric for \$3,725.71

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant up to \$30,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108052 to Workers Arts and Heritage Centre for costs associated with these necessary capital updates and repairs; 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.