

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council Date: July 12, 2024

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....**

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

**Funding to the Somali Community in Hamilton for Soccer Tournament Participation  
– 2024**

WHEREAS, the Somali Community in Hamilton is a registered non-profit organization operating in Ward 3 and is committed to providing multi-ethnic and under-served communities with access to recreation, social services, and community engagement;

WHEREAS, the Somali Community Soccer team provides an opportunity for youth to engage in healthy, competitive sports and fosters community spirit and pride within and outside of Hamilton’s Somali community;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Stars Soccer team is participating in the annual Somali Week Soccer Tournament in Toronto this month where their talents and teamwork will be showcased on a larger stage;

WHEREAS, this annual tournament, held at Centennial Park Arena, brings together Somali soccer teams from across North America and aims to unite the Somali community and celebrate their history, culture, art, and performances, while also spreading the positive message of bringing youth together for good;

WHEREAS, to reduce the financial burden of transportation for the youth participating in the tournament and ensure their safety for four round trips to Toronto, the group is seeking to arrange bus transportation; and

WHEREAS, Ward 3 residents will be both playing in and volunteering to organize tournament logistics.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$3,390 be allocated from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) to the Somali Community in Hamilton; 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.