

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: July 12, 2024

MOVED BY MAYOR A. HORWATH.....

Furthering a Collaborative Path Between the City of Hamilton and Urban Indigenous residents as per the Council approved Urban Indigenous Strategy

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council's approved Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS) makes a commitment to having a trusting relationship with Indigenous communities, where we communicate and work together appropriately to address the unique needs and issues of Indigenous people;

WHEREAS, Indigenous community organizations serving the Urban Indigenous residents of Hamilton have articulated, through various presentations and requests, the need for accelerated progress in the methods and processes to achieve the goals of the UIS;

WHEREAS, the UIS affirms that the City of Hamilton will "Improve meaningful consultation with Urban Indigenous residents and First Nations communities on municipal projects, plans and approvals"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's UIS seeks to ensure that the City "Understand how concepts such as the "Doctrine of Discovery" affect municipal decision making and develop tools to reform those processes."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton's Indigenous Relations Division provide a presentation to a future General Issues Committee detailing the current status and progress on the Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS) and its various components, including but not limited to those that improve meaningful consultation and participation of Indigenous peoples in municipal decision-making;
- (b) That an updated scan of Truth and Reconciliation best practices currently being implemented in other Canadian municipalities and ongoing work being done through organizations like the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be completed; and
- (c) That the City of Hamilton's Legal Services Division provides an overview of the statutory framework and responsibilities that exists at the Federal, Provincial and Municipal orders of Government, relating to the work detailed in the Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS).