

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: August 16, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. McMEEKIN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Support to Ensure an Adequate Supply of Food is Available to Meet the Demand (Ward 15)

WHEREAS, the consumption of nutritious food is fundamental to human health;

WHEREAS, City Council recently acknowledged an Affordability Crisis which precludes many citizens from having the financial ability to purchase adequate food;

WHEREAS, City Council recently recognized the food supply crisis with an emergency allocation of \$1,250,000 to the Hamilton Food Network;

WHEREAS, the two Ward 15 Food Banks: the Flamborough Food Bank (Carlisle) and the Food With Grace Food Bank (Waterdown) have seen a rise in the demand for food of 60% and 50% respectively, totaling up to 584 individuals and families per week;

WHEREAS, basic infrastructure concerns continue to impede the provision of food at both Food Banks;

WHEREAS, the Ward 15 Community Council on August 1, 2024, in setting priorities considered and unanimously supported a focus on providing financial and partnership support to help ensure an adequate supply of food is available to those requiring same; and

WHEREAS, a request was made to establish a Tastebuds Nutrition pilot program (in partnership with the HWDSB and the Province) at the Waterdown District High School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant of \$10,000 be provided to the Flamborough Food Bank to purchase a new additional freezer and food supports, funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615);
- (b) That a grant of \$10,000 be provided to the Food With Grace Food Bank to facilitate the delivery of food to isolated seniors and rural citizens and assist with other necessary enhancements to their service, funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615);
- (c) That a grant of \$10,000 be provided to the Tastebuds Nutrition Program Pilot launch at the Waterdown District High School, funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615); and
- (d) 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.