

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Health Committee: September 30, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Analysis of Hamilton Schools with Adequate HVAC Systems

WHEREAS, Hamilton experienced an extended heat warning that lasted six days (June 17-22) during the school year of 2023-2024;

WHEREAS, to date Hamilton has experienced three heat warning and/or extended heat warning events totaling 8 days (post June 22, 2024) during the 2024 secondary school summer session;

WHEREAS, anecdotally, several classrooms across the City of Hamilton failed to have adequate heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems during the heat waves; and

WHEREAS, anecdotally, many children suffered heat exhaustion and other heat related illnesses that also prevented their attendance at school.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Public Health staff be directed to work with the local school boards to determine their capacity to provide Hamilton schools with adequate heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to address air quality and room temperature concerns.