

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: October 23, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

**Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Pedestrianization 2024 Grant
(Ward 1)**

WHEREAS, small businesses represent 97.8% of all Canadian businesses, contributing almost half of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) generated by the private sector and are collectively Canada’s largest employer, putting more than 5.7 million (46.8%) Canadians to work;

WHEREAS, the Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) is composed of 90 active small businesses and approximately 55% of these businesses are female owned or co-owned;

WHEREAS, Tourism Hamilton promotes the Locke Street as one of Hamilton’s go-to destinations;

WHEREAS, the Locke Street BIA opened Locke Street South to pedestrians once a month on Sundays, July through October, for both dining and retail BIA members, in an effort to provide a safe engaging environment that promoted a friendly community space to neighbours and visitors to Locke Street; and

WHEREAS, the accumulative costs of road closures far exceeds the funds available to the Locke Street BIA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant of an upset limit, not to exceed \$15,000, including contingency, be provided to the Locke Street Business Improvement Area and be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Discretionary Accounts #3302109100 (\$3,965.62) and #3302309100 (\$11,034.38), to help support safe street closures; 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.