

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: October 23, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. McMEEKIN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

H.E.A.R.T.’s (Healthy Education About Relationship Team) (Ward 15)

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council has declared the prominence of domestic violence to be a crisis;

WHEREAS, the Healthy Youth Network, a Flamborough based charity has initiated a H.E.A.R.T.’s (Healthy Education About Relationship Team) program in two Hamilton High schools: Waterdown District High School and Sir Allan MacNab High School;

WHEREAS, the H.E.A.R.T.’s program’s primary goal is to discover and build valuable skills to help students build healthy relationships;

WHEREAS, a major focus of H.E.A.R.T.’s is to build student skills with the aim of curbing gender-based and violent youth dating through the creation of spaces where everyone can feel safe;

WHEREAS, this is a peer-to-peer program that involves ‘training the student trainer’ which has proved effective in the two schools where the program is offered;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board is supportive of this program; and

WHEREAS, the Ward 15 Community Council at its recent meeting, after hearing a fulsome presentation unanimously endorsed support for this initiative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Healthy Youth Network be provided with a grant in support of the Healthy Education About Relationship Team’s (H.E.A.R.T.’s) work, funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,000; 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.