

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: November 6, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

Notwithstanding Clause

WHEREAS, Council supports the Mayor in her efforts to solve the crisis of homelessness in public spaces in the city of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Premier of Ontario has indicated a willingness to use the “notwithstanding clause” to help resolve homelessness in public spaces across Ontario;

WHEREAS, the Premier of Ontario has indicated that Ontario Big City Mayors can specifically request the Province to use the “notwithstanding clause” to address the crisis of homelessness in public spaces; and,

WHEREAS, thirteen Mayors have signed a letter asking Premier Doug Ford to use the notwithstanding clause to override a court decision preventing municipalities from clearing homeless encampments if the shelters are full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council formally request that the Province consider any tools available to the Province that would not permit encampments in parks and public spaces, including but not limited to the use of the “notwithstanding clause”.