

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: November 18, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Support for Expansion of the Riverdale Community Garden (Ward 5)

WHEREAS, Hamilton’s Climate Action Strategy includes the objective to strengthen food security in the City by educating and encouraging the community to participate in growing food locally at the lot level or through urban farms and gardens;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Parks Master Plan acknowledges that there is substantial value in providing community gardens throughout the City, allowing local residents to contribute to affordable food options while building community, enhancing the environment, and contributing to personal wellness;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Food Strategy underscores the importance of urban food growing and addressing the challenges faced by many urban residents to access land for food growing;

WHEREAS, Hamilton’s Community Garden Policy recognizes that community gardens provide City residents with an opportunity to engage in a healthy recreational activity while growing nutritious food, benefiting from social interaction by meeting neighbours, and building community ties while learning about the growing cycle and beautifying public open space;

WHEREAS, expansion of the Riverdale Community Garden will address the increasing community demand in the Riverdale Neighbourhood for access to community garden beds; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the costs associated with the expansion of the Riverdale Community Garden to enable the establishment of 12 new garden beds, including a Three Sisters Indigenous garden bed, the purchase and installation of a new garden shed, the installation of hydro for lighting and to power/recharge garden tools, the purchase of additional composters for the garden, lawnmower, trimmer, larger compost area, and the upgrade of the watermain that services the garden, be funded from the Ward 5 Capital

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Discretionary Account #3302109500 in the amount of \$9,000 and Account #3302309500 in the amount of \$21,000, at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$30,000.