

CITY OF HAMILTON M O T I O N

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee: December 5, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. SPADAFORA

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Neighbour-to-Neighbour Ward 8 Councillor Community Grant Funding

WHEREAS, many Hamilton residents are facing unprecedented times regarding the affordability of everyday life which has resulted in a 40% increase in access to the Neighbour to Neighbour foodbank, which now supports over 5000 people per month;

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for community spaces for gathering and support as youth, adults and seniors deal with the realities of mental health challenges such as anxiety, trauma, and isolation;

WHEREAS, the Neighbour to Neighbour Food Centre has become a community hub providing programs and supports to the area residents;

WHEREAS, the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre and Neighbour to Neighbour foodbank align with and contribute to the goals and objectives of the City of Hamilton's Food Strategy;

WHEREAS, Neighbour to Neighbour has identified the following capital needs to increase the capacity and function of their foodbank at 28 Athens Street:

- \$11,726 truck inverter to support a larger vehicle with standalone freezer capacity to allow for the procurement and transportation of greater amounts of food;
- \$6,090 pallet mover to support moving more food from a larger vehicle;
- \$3,510 flooring in foodbank waiting area to repair an ongoing health and safety issue and ensure a dignified space to support people in community; and
- \$16,500 plumbing repairs to ensure uninterrupted operations of the foodbank; and

WHEREAS, Neighbour to Neighbour has identified the following capital needs to maintain and increase the capacity and safety of the Community Food Centre at 310 Limeridge Road:

- \$3,590 undercounter fridge to support youth-led community food access and skills programming;
- \$2,100 AED machine to ensure access to first-aid is available for community members if necessary;
- \$560 bike rack to ensure community members have a safe and secure place to lock bicycles;
- \$420 children's program area flooring to provide space supporting kids club, day camps, tutoring programs etc.; and
- \$350 staff office coat hooks to reduce clutter and help organize space for staff, clients and volunteers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Neighbour to Neighbour Ward 8 Councillor Community Grant to Neighbour to Neighbour be funded from the Ward 8 Capital Discretionary Account 3302309800 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$44,846;
- (b) That any funds allocated and distributed as a Ward 8 Councillor Community Grant be exempt on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund or the One-Time Enhancement Grant (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and
- (c) 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.