

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: December 4, 2024

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR E. PAULS.....**

**Support for Local Christian Faith Groups, Families and Individuals as they Celebrate Christian Heritage Month**

WHEREAS, it is the stated objective of Hamilton faith groups to promote love, diversity, and inclusion;

WHEREAS, Hamilton wishes to celebrate its role in creating and maintaining an open dialogue among people from different faiths, beliefs, and creeds;

WHEREAS, December is associated with the tradition of gift giving and the gathering of family, friends, and people of all faiths;

WHEREAS, Christian organizations and places of worship in Hamilton offer religious services, unique events, and initiatives that highlight a strong Christian heritage during December;

WHEREAS, Christian faith groups in Hamilton embody the beautiful and diverse threads that mirror the Canadian social fabric;

WHEREAS, throughout Canada, in each year, the month of December is to be known as “Christian Heritage Month” when Christians around the world prepare for their annual celebrations commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ; also known as Christmas. During this time, Christian faith groups utilize literature, art, music, gastronomy, and architecture to tell the stories of Jesus and his compassion, love, acceptance and the Good News of the Gospel he brought;

WHEREAS, Christianity is the most followed religion in our country, with more than half of the Canadian population identifying as members of the Christian faith. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms even mentions God in its very first sentence; and

WHEREAS, there are at least 35 Municipalities across Canada who have endorsed December as Christian Heritage Month including adjacent municipalities like Toronto, Burlington, Brantford and Niagara Falls.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Hamilton supports local Christian faith groups, families and individuals as they celebrate Christian Heritage Month.