

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: February 5, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. MCMEEKIN.....

Flamborough Women’s Resource Centre / Interval House

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City of Hamilton declared intimate partnership violence a crisis;

WHEREAS, the Flamborough Women’s Resource Centre, located in Waterdown, has focused on reducing gender violence and providing counselling support, group programs and legal advocacy;

WHEREAS, the Flamborough Women’s Resource Centre, a satellite program of Interval House, has provided the only Outreach program for Flamborough women experiencing domestic violence and in need of safety and support services;

WHEREAS, rural women experience intimate partner violence at rates 5 times higher than rural men and 75% higher than rural women (CWF, 2022);

WHEREAS, the Waterdown area is one of the fastest growing population centres in Hamilton and, to date, not received any sustainable increased funding for the FWRC since 2009;

WHEREAS, the goal of the FWRC is to create an accessible hub in the core of Waterdown to expand services to those experiencing domestic violence;

WHEREAS, additional resources are required to help reach and respond to rural women in crisis, through the provision of occasional mobile services;

WHEREAS, the Ward 15 community Council has reviewed the request for assistance and, like the City of Hamilton, understands the urgency of a response capability; and,

WHEREAS, this grant will assist the Flamborough Women’s Resource Centre/Interval House to secure a larger service location needed to provide no charge counselling, safety planning, housing assistance, income navigation, employment readiness training and where necessary, legal advice.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant be provided to Interval House for the Flamborough Women’s Resource Centre. That this grant be funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,000.00;

- (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.