

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget) - February 7, 2025

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN**

**Amendment to the Proposed 2025 Tax-Supported Budget - Improving the Cleanliness and Safety of Downtown Underpasses**

WHEREAS Transportation Roadway Maintenance has received an increase in the number of requests regarding underpass maintenance and cleaning, including surrounding sidewalks and adjacent roadways;

WHEREAS all underpasses throughout the City were assessed and 14 were identified based on high pedestrian and pigeon activity;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton currently does not have an annual underpass cleaning program with an established level of service, sidewalks, stairs, or adjacent roadways;

WHEREAS pigeon feces, dead pigeons and other birds, litter, and illegal dumping are all prevalent issues in underpasses, which require regular maintenance;

WHEREAS the City is currently is making a series of capital investments including repairing and replacing vital underpass infrastructure, putting up bird netting, installing new and brighter lighting, and painting that require regular maintenance;

WHEREAS it will cost \$130,000 annually to perform this regular maintenance, which represents an approximate increase to the overall City budget of 0.01%, as each percentage increase to the overall City budget is valued at approximately \$13m; and

WHEREAS the City's projected budget increase for 2025 is 5.66% and increasing it by 0.01% would raise the overall increase to approximately 5.67%.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED -

That the Proposed 2025 Tax-Supported Budget be amended as follows -

- (a) That fourteen (14) underpass locations with heavy pedestrian activity and a high volume of sanitary and debris complaints be added to a Roadway Maintenance Underpass Cleaning Program including -

Ward 1

- (i) Aberdeen Avenue at Studholme Road - underpass
- (ii) Main Street West at Osler Drive - underpass

Ward 2

- (iii) MacNab Street South at Hunter Street West - tunnel, stairs
- (iv) James Street South at Hunter Street - underpass, stairs
- (v) John Street South at Hunter Street East - underpass
- (vi) Catharine Street South at Hunter Street East - underpass
- (vii) Walnut Street South at Hunter Street East - underpass
- (viii) Ferguson Street South at Young Street - tunnel
- (ix) Young Street near Ford Street - underpass, stairs

Ward 3

- (x) Charlton Avenue East at Victoria Avenue South - tunnel
- (xi) Victoria Avenue South at Young Street - underpass
- (xii) Victoria Avenue South at Stinson Street - tunnel
- (xiii) Birch Avenue at Burlington Street East - underpass

Ward 4

- (xiv) Kenilworth Avenue North at McAnulty Boulevard - underpass
- (b) That the Transportation Division budget be amended in 2025 for all costs associated with the Roadway Maintenance Underpass Cleaning Program (\$130,000 annually); and
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works 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.