

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): February 7, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. BEATTIE.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Removal of PED 21065(d) Biodiversity Action Plan - Sr. Planner From the 2025 Budget

WHEREAS, the General Issues Committee (Budget) on November 28, 2024, received a Memorandum respecting a Budget Process Update;

WHEREAS, members of Council may propose amendments to the Proposed 2025 Tax Supported Budget;

WHEREAS, Council recently declared an affordability crisis in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, a distinction has been made during this 2025 budget process of recognizing needs versus wants, similar to a household's fiscal responsibility;

WHEREAS, the Biodiversity Action Plan, approved in 2024, is an enhancement to the City of Hamilton's core service delivery mandate, including but not limited to parks, roads, water and wastewater, recreation and emergency services;

WHEREAS, the full implementation – in 2025 - of components of the Action Plan may not have the same material impact on residents as the above stated services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Proposed 2025 Tax Supported Budget, **be amended**, as follows:

- (a) That 2025 Council referred item PED 21065(d) Biodiversity Action Plan - Sr. Planner be removed from the 2025 Proposed Tax Supported Budget, resulting in a net operating budget savings of \$128,860;
- (b) That staff from the Planning and Economic and Development Department in the Planning Division assist in the interim to facilitate the development of the Biodiversity Action Plan governance model and other administrative and communications duties related to implantation of the plan.