

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget) - February 7, 2025

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG**

**Amendment to the Proposed 2025 Tax-Supported Budget - Development of a Community Benefits Protocol**

WHEREAS the Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee was established by Council on June 27, 2018 and the main purpose of the Sub-Committee is to “develop a protocol” (called a Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework);

WHEREAS there is currently no internal City staff resource with the expertise to support the development of a protocol;

WHEREAS it will cost \$75,000 to hire a consultant to support the development of a protocol, which represents an approximate increase to the overall City budget of 0.006%, 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 5.663% and increasing it by 0.006% would raise the overall increase to approximately 5.669%.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED -

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

- (a) That \$75,000 be allocated to support the hiring of a consultant to develop a draft Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework;
- (b) That staff be directed to develop a scope of work to meet the objective of developing a draft Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework and oversee the consultant’s work; and
- (c) That the City Manager, or General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, or their assigned designate, be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to negotiate, enter into and/or execute, all agreements and necessary ancillary documents on terms satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.