

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): February 7, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. BEATTIE.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Removal of Senior Level Leadership Mental Health Position from the 2025 Proposed Tax Budget

WHEREAS, Council declared a state of emergency in 2023, pertaining to issues including community mental health;

WHEREAS, Council subsequently declared an affordability crisis in the City of Hamilton in 2024;

WHEREAS, a distinction has been made during this 2025 budget process of recognizing needs versus wants;

WHEREAS, Hamilton is served by a number of community-based Mental Health Support organizations;

WHEREAS, Health and Mental Health are program areas primarily funded by higher order Governments;

WHEREAS, Provincial and Federal elections in 2025 may result in changes and potential enhancements in priorities and funding levels for Health and Mental Health programs;

And WHEREAS, new non-levy funding streams for programs may come available in 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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

That 2025 Council referred item, Senior Level Leadership Mental Health position be removed from the 2025 proposed tax budget, resulting in a net operating budget savings of \$213,630.