

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Council: February 12, 2025

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

### **Removal of 2025 Capital Funding for Expedited Bike Lanes**

WHEREAS, residential taxpayers are looking at a potential 5.7% increase in their property taxes;

WHEREAS, Council has declared an affordability crisis;

WHEREAS, the threat of looming US tariffs will create an economic recession in Canada and will have a billion dollar impact on Hamilton's local economy that could impact thousands of jobs;

WHEREAS, fiscal responsibility is a priority for the municipality, and every expenditure should be evaluated for its impact on taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2025 Tax Budget includes standalone cycling projects budgeted at \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2025 Tax Budget includes a proposed budget amount of \$1,000,000 to support continued acceleration of the cycling master plan development;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Proposed 2025 Tax Supported Budget, be amended, as follows:
  - (i) That the Bicycle Infrastructure Upgrades capital project (4032317050) Gross \$250,000 Net \$250,000 be removed;
  - (ii) That the Bicycle Boulevard (Neighbourhood Greenways Program) capital budget 4032317053 Gross \$120,000 Net \$120,000 be removed;
  - (iii) That the Two Way Conversion Feasibility Studies capital project 403255322 Gross \$320,000 Net \$320,000 be removed;
  - (iv) That the On Street Bike Facilities capital project 4662317124 Gross \$600,000 Net \$600,000 be removed; and
  - (v) That the Accelerated Active Transportation Plan Implementation capital project 4032555501 Gross \$1,000,000 Net \$1,000,000 be removed