

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Development of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework

WHEREAS, Council did not approve the Budget amendment to spend an additional \$75,000 to continue the development of a Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework during the 2025 Budget;

WHEREAS, staff recommended the use of an unallocated \$75,000 from the tax stabilization be used to pilot a Social Value Procurement program as a first step in developing a Community Benefits Protocol (Social Value Framework) that would guide the City of Hamilton in the corporation's social value/community benefits efforts;

WHEREAS, the development of a Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework is foundational work and essential to the overall success of a pilot Social Value Procurement program; and,

WHEREAS, City staff have advised that the pilot Social Value Procurement program could be paused, and re-introduced for consideration as part of the 2026 budget process, in order to instead develop a Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework in 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That up to \$75 K from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046) be allocated to fund the development of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework and that the consideration of a pilot Social Value Procurement be deferred pending completion of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework.