

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: April 28, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

Water Drinking Fountain Program Enhancements and Improvements in Ward 2 Parks and Public Spaces, Hamilton (Ward 2)

WHEREAS, the installation of water drinking fountains and bottle filling stations can help reduce the use of single-use plastic water bottles, having a measurable impact on Hamilton's ecosystems and public health;

WHEREAS, water fountains and bottle filling stations support residents staying hydrated in the heat and improve local health;

WHEREAS, several of the existing water drinking fountains in Ward 2, including Durand Park and Carter Park have become worn out, and upgrading these to a bottle filler, fountain bowl, and pet bowl would benefit residents; and

WHEREAS, some park locations and public spaces in Ward 2 including Eastwood Park by the spray pad, Woolverton Park, and Bennetto Park have no water drinking fountain/bottle filler, and the addition of this service would benefit residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the replacement of existing water drinking fountain units in Durand Park and Carter Park be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$50,000, be approved;
- (b) That the installation of three new water drinking fountains located in Eastwood Park, Woolverton Park, and Bennetto Park be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108052, at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$210,000, be approved;

- (c) That if any of the locations listed are deemed unsuitable for drinking fountains, that staff be authorized to choose the best suited location for new water drinking fountain enhancements based on best practices and confirm the new locations with the Ward 2 Councillor;
- (d) That the annual operating impacts of \$9,000 for the supply of water, maintenance, and winterization be included in the 2026 Public Works Department base operating budget submission; and
- (e) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, related to the Water Drinking Fountain Program Enhancements and Improvements in Ward 2 parks and public spaces, Hamilton.