

CITY OF HAMILTON

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Audit, Finance and Administration Committee: May 1, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. BEATTIE

Support for Equipment Replacement, Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) Stoney Creek

WHEREAS, Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) is a Stoney Creek based, volunteer-led seniors support organization that enables seniors to remain independent in their homes in our Community for over 35 years;

WHEREAS, SOS provides services that include but are not limited to rides to healthcare appointments and shopping, lawn care and snow removal;

WHEREAS, SOS provides snow clearing for 104 seniors in all parts of Stoney Creek;

WHEREAS, SOS has a complement of 13 snow blowers, all of which are at or nearing the end of their operational life, are prone to breakdowns, and require a high level of maintenance;

WHEREAS, during the major snow event in February 2025, only 2 of the 13 units remained operational, which severely impeded the ability of SOS Volunteers undertake their work;

WHEREAS, after exhaustive research, SOS has identified the TORO 721 R-C snowblower unit as the preferred option for volunteers, due to its proven reliability, lightweight design, long service life, relative affordability and easy access to local parts supply, as compared to other units;

WHEREAS, SOS has confirmed the purchase of 14 snowblower units will allow them to maintain and enhance their snow clearing program for Stoney Creek Seniors, and increase the reach of their program to more clients, and;

WHEREAS, the GFL Stoney Creek Compensation Royalties Reserve #117036 supports community investment within the boundaries of the former City of Stoney Creek, and its intent aligns with supporting Community-Based efforts within the Stoney Creek Community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the purchase of 14 snowblower units for Seniors Outreach Services be funded from the GFL Stoney Creek Compensation Royalties Reserve #117036 at an upset limit, including contingency and HST, not to exceed \$20,000;
- (b) That any funds allocated to Seniors Outreach Services be exempt on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City, including the City Enrichment Fund or the One-Time Enhancement Grant (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the City Solicitor.