

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: April 30, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Exploring Opportunities to Further the Revitalization of the Kenilworth Avenue North Commercial Corridor through the Creation of Live/Work Opportunities

WHEREAS, a neighbourhood meeting was held on March 26th 2025, respecting a proposal to redevelop a municipal parking lot at 70 Hope Avenue for affordable housing;

WHEREAS, the property at 70 Hope Avenue is adjacent to the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor located between Main Street East and Barton Street East;

WHEREAS, the neighbourhood raised concerns about the lack of progress in revitalizing the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor;

WHEREAS, the last comprehensive strategic review of the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor occurred through the Barton-Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Study in 2014 which resulted in, among other items, the corridor specific financial incentive programs to support the corridors revitalization;

WHEREAS, a thriving commercial corridor is vital to serving the needs of local residents and attracting and supporting new investment and housing opportunities;

WHEREAS, a portion of Kenilworth Avenue North has been identified as being within a proposed Major Transit Station Area through the City's ongoing review and update to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to establish Major Transit Station Areas;

AND WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor may provide a unique opportunity to address a need in the community for long-term and sustainable live/work housing opportunities with a particular focus on supporting opportunities for entrepreneurs, artists and local retail.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff from the Planning and Economic Development, and Tourism & Culture Divisions collaborate to review planning policies, zoning permissions, financial incentive programs, and business/artist/entrepreneur attraction efforts; and
- (b) That Planning and Economic Development and Tourism & Culture staff be directed to report back to the General issues Committee before the end of Q4 2025 with recommendations that would further enable long-term and sustainable live/work opportunities along the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor with a particular focus on supporting entrepreneurs, artists and local retail.