

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: May 20, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

Pedestrian and Crowd Safety Measures within the City's Municipal Right-of-Way

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of pedestrians and event attendees is a critical responsibility when hosting or permitting public events that involve road closures or large crowds; and

WHEREAS, recent events have highlighted the need for proactive measures to protect vulnerable street-level gatherings from potential vehicular threats or other safety risks.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Transportation staff BE DIRECTED to consult with Hamilton Police Services (HPS) to identify municipal right-of-way safety protection criteria and procure services and/or equipment rentals to be used for planned events within the municipal right-of-way for Q2 2025; and
- (b) That Transportation staff BE DIRECTED to coordinate with internal and external stakeholders and report back to Public Works Committee with an overview of the City of Hamilton's current safety protocols and infrastructure for pedestrian protection at public events, including the use of barriers, vehicle mitigation measures, and emergency response planning, as well as recommendations for potential enhancements where appropriate by Q4 2025 to be adopted in 2026.