

# CITY OF HAMILTON M O T I O N

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee: June 12, 2025

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG .....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

## **Supporting Rental of a Portable Toilet for McQuesten Urban Farm During the Demolition and Construction at 785 Britannia Ave**

WHEREAS, the McQuesten Urban Farm is a result of the McQuesten Neighbourhood Action Plan as a means to address food insecurity and healthy eating in the neighbourhood;

WHEREAS, the McQuesten Urban Farm provides valuable programming focused on food security and healthy eating for families and youth as well as volunteering and community building opportunities for residents;

WHEREAS, the McQuesten Urban Farm is operated by Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg which is a non-profit charitable Indigenous organization that provides programs and services across the entire life cycle to the Indigenous population in Hamilton, and operates from the building at 785 Britannia Ave;

WHEREAS, the McQuesten Urban Farm relied on the building 785 Britannia Ave for access to washrooms but the development of the Biindigen Well-Being Centre at 785 Britannia Ave is underway, which includes the demolition of the building;

WHEREAS, the McQuesten Urban Farm has four full-time employees, two part-time student employees, and more than 20 volunteers each week, as well as hosting larger volunteer groups including school visits, corporate volunteer days, and community events; and

WHEREAS, employers in Ontario must provide washroom facilities for its workers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant to Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg to subsidize the cost of a portable toilet for the McQuesten Urban Farm be funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$900;
- (b) That any funds allocated and distributed to Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg to subsidize the cost of a portable toilet for the McQuesten Urban Farm 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 for the years 2025 and 2026; and

- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents associated with the grant to Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg to subsidize the cost of a portable toilet for the McQuesten Urban Farm, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.