

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: July 7, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Use of Local Steel for Right of Way Signage Posts

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has historically used both pressure treated wood and galvanized steel posts for roadway signage such as parking signs, and stop signs.

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, City staff assessed material supply chains impacted such as availability and costs to ensure that levels of service were maintained;

WHEREAS, wooden and steel posts are used for specific applications out in the field;

WHEREAS, wood poles cannot be recycled and must be disposed of at landfills and end-of-life steel posts are highly recyclable, and steel recycling is considered a crucial component of the circular economy; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton has a proud identity as a steel city and has repeatedly emphasized the importance of buying local and supporting local industry, particularly in light of ongoing U.S. tariffs that threaten Canadian steel exports.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Transportation staff be directed to source steel posts for as many applications as possible for roadway signage; especially in urban areas.