

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Public Works Committee Date: July 7, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

To Permit the Inclusion of Permanent Waste Enclosures as an Eligible Expense Under the Existing Commercial Districts Revitalization Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program (the Program) provides cost sharing grants with commercial tenants or property owners for exterior physical building and property improvements that improve the appearance, accessibility and/or environmental sustainability of a commercial property within strategic commercial districts, including Business Improvement Areas, whose success contributes to Hamilton’s image for both residents and visitor;

WHEREAS, the Program is authorized under the Revitalizing Hamilton’s Commercial Districts Community Improvement Project Area and Community Improvement Plan By-laws 21-163 and 21-164 respectively, with Program specific administrative and eligibility criteria approved by City Council via Appendix E to the Community Improvement Plan;

WHEREAS; the existing Program permits permanent waste enclosures as an eligible improvement only where the waste enclosure will be immediately adjacent to a public street facing façade and does not permit standalone waste enclosures nor any that would not be visible from a public facing street (such as in laneways); and

WHEREAS, the density of businesses in some parts of downtown Hamilton make it very difficult for standard commercial waste collection solutions; and

WHEREAS, implementing custom solutions to safely dispose of commercial waste is often costly, requiring the hiring of engineers, architects, and consultants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Economic Development Division staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee with an amendment to the Program terms contained in Appendix E to the Revitalizing Hamilton’s Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan, by early Q4 2025, to permit permanent waste enclosures on any portion of a Program eligible commercial property along with any additional eligibility criteria which may be required to ensure such improvements are in keeping with the existing purpose and intent of the Program.