

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Downtown Sub-Committee - July 24, 2025

**MOVED BY S. BRAITHWAITE.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....**

### **Monitoring and Maintenance of Ferguson Station**

WHEREAS, the City established Ferguson Station in order to conduct programming and otherwise activate the area of Ferguson Avenue and King Street East in the International Village;

WHEREAS, the International Village BIA has regularly programmed and activated this space;

WHEREAS, there is an active outreach group who provide meals and other support services to as many as 300 to 400 people at Ferguson Station on Wednesdays and have been doing so for approximately 8 years;

WHEREAS, the City is actively working to assist this group, and others like it, to obtain a permit to provide these services in an area that is safe to do so and has the appropriate capacity and space requirements;

WHEREAS, the International Village BIA regularly reaches out to the City, including the Hamilton Police Service, to ask for assistance with respect to cleanups, repainting, repairs, graffiti remediation, and housing outreach at Ferguson Station; and

WHEREAS, it is not sustainable for the International Village BIA to maintain the City's assets, like Ferguson Station.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff report through a Memo or Information Report to the Downtown Sub-Committee at its next meeting on the following:
  - (i) Timing for the installation of new gates at Ferguson Station to make it easier to access its central structure for events and other programming;

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- (ii) Timing for providing a permit to and relocating the outreach group who currently use Ferguson Station on Wednesdays;
- (iii) Plans for proactive and regular maintenance at Ferguson Station to ensure the International Village BIA does not have to follow up regularly including graffiti removal, power washing, and painting;
- (iv) Plans for proactive coordination around planned programming and events at Ferguson Station;
- (v) Plans for proactively working with the Hamilton Police Service around issues of community safety, crime, and other policing matters at Ferguson Station; and
- (vi) Plans for proactively working with the Housing Focused Street Outreach Team to assist those deprived of housing who regularly congregate at Ferguson Station.