

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: August 6, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Advancing Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and Enhancing Government Support

WHEREAS, under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, all municipalities are required to develop and implement Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plans to address the root causes of crime and improve community well-being;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's CSWB Plan 2025-2029 was developed through extensive community engagement, data analysis, and cross-sector collaboration, and was approved by City Council in May 2025;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's CSWB Plan identifies six core priorities – violence, substance use, hate incidents, housing and homelessness, mental health and stigma, and access to income – and lays out a comprehensive implementation approach through three focus areas: System Capacity, Equitable Access and Availability of Services, and Community Safety;

WHEREAS, the City has demonstrated leadership in advancing CSWB priorities, including initiatives such as the Gender-Based Safety Audit, multi-year funding of youth violence prevention programs through the Building Safer Communities Fund, and the establishment and advancement of the System Advisory Leadership Table (SALT);

WHEREAS, sustained funding and alignment across orders of government are critical to the successful implementation of Hamilton's CSWB Plan;

WHEREAS, current federal and provincial funding programs, such as the Building Safer Communities Fund, provide important but time-limited investments, creating challenges in planning and delivering long-term, coordinated safety and well-being strategies;

WHEREAS, the Building Safer Communities Fund provided a one-time investment of \$3,982,802 over 4 years, with nearly \$3M directly funding community grants and initiatives that prevent youth gun and gang violence; and,

WHEREAS, the Building Safer Communities Fund ends on March 31, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton REQUESTS that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board integrate advocacy for the continuation and expansion of the Building Safer Communities Grant into upcoming FCM Advocacy Days;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton REQUESTS that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board pass a resolution that calls on the Province of Ontario to provide sustained, dedicated funding to municipalities for the implementation of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans at the local level;
- (c) That City staff BE DIRECTED to embed both issues – federal continuation of the Building Safer Communities Grant and provincial funding for Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) implementation - into the City's local, provincial, and federal advocacy priorities; and
- (d) That a copy of this resolution BE CIRCULATED to Hamilton's Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, the Ministers of Public Safety and the Solicitor General, and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board for their consideration and action.