

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): February 6, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

Grass Cutting Mitigation Measures

WHEREAS, Appendix H to Report FCS26001 included a mitigation measure related to grass cutting urban right of way representing a levy reduction of \$105,000; and

WHEREAS, Appendix H to Report FCS26001 included a mitigation measure related to grass cutting on City Owned and Non-City Owned lands representing a levy reduction of \$250,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Proposed 2026 Tax Budget **BE AMENDED** as follows:
 - (i) That the proposed 2026 Tax Budget **BE AMENDED** to add an additional \$105,000 from the levy, to reinstate the urban right of way maintenance;
 - (ii) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to document occurrences in the 2026 season when scheduled grass cutting in the urban right-of-way was not technically required as a result of slow growth or dormancy, to support analysis of potential budget mitigation opportunities for the 2027 budget process;
 - (iii) That the proposed 2026 Tax Budget **BE AMENDED** to add an additional \$250,000 for grass cutting on City Owned and Non-City Own Lands; and
 - (iv) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to review opportunities for ecological restoration in areas currently mowed with each Ward Councillor, to be brought forward for potential savings during the 2027 budget process.