

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): February 6, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR R. COOPER.....

No More Free Lunches For The Council

WHEREAS, the city funded lunch/meal program for elected members and the senior leadership team continues for the Planning Committee, General Issues Committee and Council;

WHEREAS, only four Councillors have voluntarily opted out;

WHEREAS, the city of Hamilton employs over 9,000 staff who bring or buy their own meals; and

WHEREAS, elected members and the senior leadership team are all on the sunshine list earning six figures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Proposed 2026 Tax Budget **BE AMENDED** as follows:

- (i) That the proposed Legislative budget **BE REDUCED** by \$25,780, reflecting the cessation of funding of meals for elected members and the senior leadership team during Committee and Council meeting, reducing the Legislative Department budget to \$7,922,526.