

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

General Issues Committee - March 25, 2026

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR C. CASSAR.....**

### **Municipal Price Index**

WHEREAS, a Municipal Price Index provides a tool for measuring the effects of inflation on the cost of providing municipal services;

WHEREAS, a Municipal Price Index differs from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) because it measures the cost increases to a representative basket of expenditures such as asphalt, steel and cement, that a municipality makes compared with that of the CPI which measures the prices that consumers face when buying a basket of goods for their household;

WHEREAS, municipalities such as Ottawa and Milton have utilized MPI as one tool that helps inform the City's budgetary process of external economic conditions that the City will face;

WHEREAS, the development of municipal price indexes can assist in creating an understanding of how the patterns of local government spending can be different than those of the average household;

WHEREAS, a Municipal Price Index can be used to explain increases in annual budget expenditures attributable to inflation; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Price Index can aid in the more accurate development of current and multi-year City budgeting forecasts.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That staff BE DIRECTED to determine the feasibility of developing a Municipal Price Index for the City of Hamilton for incorporation into the Annual Budget Process and report back to the General Issues Committee no later than Q3 2026.