

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee: April 15, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. MCMEEKIN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Souharissen Trail

WHEREAS, the Waterdown District High School (W.D.H.S.) continues to collaborate with Indigenous partners through Ontario's only high school Treaty Study Program,

WHEREAS, this partnership finds expression in two major led projects, namely; the Museum of Hope and the Souharissen Natural Area, a nationally recognized 55-acre space established in Waterdown by the Mississauga's of the Credit Nation and students from W.D,H.S.,

WHEREAS, the natural was originally dedicated by Chief Byran Laforme and Lieutenant Governor David C. Onkey on August 21st, 2014 and has once been visited by many dignitaries, including Chiefs and Lieutenant Governors,

WHEREAS, the previous "Ponds Program" enhanced the historical significance of the Trail and was re-dedicated by Chief Sult and Ontario's Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Edith Dumont,

WHEREAS, the W.D.H.S. students are continuing to work collaboratively through the Treaties Studies Program, Rick Hill Sr. (aabbwad) 6 Nations and the Mississauga's of the New Credit, desire to create a sit down gathering please for reflection and ongoing dialogue,

WHEREAS, this Gathering Space will be facilitated by the placement of four directional benches; and,

WHEREAS, the Ward 15 Community Council continues to endorse the importance of this historic and sacred spaces.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant be provided to support the installation of four (4) benches through the City of Hamilton Bench Program funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax

Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit of \$12,000, including contingency; and,

- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to approve and execute all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.