

**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**M O T I O N**

**Audit, Finance and Administration Committee: April 16, 2026**

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

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG .....**

**Financial Accountability in the Administration of Grant Funding - REVISED**

WHEREAS, City Council approved recommendations in Procedures for Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives (FCS18014(a)) on December 17, 2018;

WHEREAS, Report FCS18014(a) outlined “Scenario 2: Social Infrastructure Funding”, which permits Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserves to be used for grants to an outside agency to improve social infrastructure assets;

WHEREAS, Report FCS18014(a) outlined “Scenario 3: Grants”, which permit Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Fund to be used for grants to support community initiatives;

WHEREAS, Report FCS18014(a) does not contain any restrictions regarding the ability to fund grants from the Cellular Tower and Ward-Specific Non-Property Tax Revenues beyond the general procedures found in Appendix “D” to that Report;

WHEREAS, these funds are allocated at the discretion of the Ward Councillor in a manner that conforms to the criteria outlined in Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” to Report FCS18014(a), respecting Procedures for Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives;

WHEREAS, with the exception of grants under \$350 that are funded through the Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Fund under “Scenario 3: Grants”, all grants require Council approval;

WHEREAS, the Ward Councillor Offices are responsible for administering the payment of grants funded through Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, no policy currently exists that outlines the procedures for the Ward Councillors Offices are to follow when administering the payment of grants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to develop a grant payment policy designed to improve transparency and financial accountability for all grants funded through the Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserves, Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Fund, and Cellular Tower and Ward-Specific Non-Property Tax Revenues; and
- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee with a draft grant payment policy in Q3 2026.