

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee: April 16, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers Educational Pavilion

WHEREAS, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers is a non-profit volunteer operated organization that provides educational railway experiences through miniature ride-on and ride-behind locomotives out of the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology grounds;

WHEREAS, their facility includes 366 metres of elevated dual gauge (89 and 121 millimetre) track with a transfer table and steaming bays, 914 metres of ground mounted 184 millimetre gauge track with a turntable, a loading hoist and steaming bays, as well as club riding cars for all gauges, a railway station house, car barns, storage sheds, and a pedestrian bridge crossing both tracks;

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers celebrated their 50th anniversary and welcomed a record of 10,000 riders (double their 2024 ridership);

WHEREAS, to accommodate the storage of locomotives and riding stock, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers purchased and installed on the site two shipping containers. These were painted to match the esthetic of the 1859 Hamilton Waterworks National Historic Site;

WHEREAS, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers will install a roof spanning over the two shipping containers, creating an area between them that is protected from the

elements, which will be used as an educational pavilion with hands-on interactive exhibits. The cost to enclose, equip, and finish the space is estimated at \$35,000;

WHEREAS, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers train days have a mutually beneficial impact on attendance at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology, and attract tourists of all ages from Hamilton and beyond;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant to the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers for the roof of their education pavilion be funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$15,000;
- (b) That any funds allocated and distributed be exempt on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund for 2026; and
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.