

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR E. PAULS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Councillor Travel to 2026 International Children’s Games in Hualien, Taiwan

WHEREAS, the International Children’s Games (ICG), since their inception in 1968, stand as a symbol of unity, friendship, and youthful sportsmanship;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton supports youth participation in the International Children’s Games (ICG), which promote global friendship, healthy living, and cultural exchange through sport;

WHEREAS, the ICG provide Hamilton youth with the opportunity to represent their city on an international stage, fostering pride, leadership, and intercultural connections;

WHEREAS, the ICG have blossomed into a global phenomenon, bridging cultures and promoting understanding among children aged 12 to 15 years old from more than 600 cities and over 100 countries;

WHEREAS, the ICG foster a spirit of competition and camaraderie that resonates with young athletes and spectators alike, continuing a legacy of connection and celebration;

WHEREAS, it is well documented that youth engaging in sport benefit from improved outcomes for mental health, physical well-being, communication, teamwork, problem-solving skills, and social integration;

WHEREAS, there are considerable financial barriers to youth participating in the ICG given the need for travel, accommodations, ceremonial and competition uniforms;

WHEREAS, participation in the ICG should be accessible and inclusive to all children regardless of their socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, participating in the ICG provides Hamilton youth the opportunity to represent the city of Hamilton and encourage international goodwill and friendships with children from other countries; and,

WHEREAS, Councillor Esther Pauls will be attending the 2026 ICG Summer Games in Hualien, Taiwan, from July 28th to August 5th, 2026, as the City of Hamilton representative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant to subsidize costs associated with branded ceremonial and competition uniforms (\$5,000), pay for ads to promote fundraising (\$1,000), small gift exchanges emblematic of the City of Hamilton (\$1,000), and assist with registration fees for flights and accommodations (\$3,000) to International Children's Games (ICG) to be funded from the Ward 7 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309700 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,000, BE APPROVED; and that an exception to the Ward Specific Funding Initiatives Policy be approved to waive the requirement and allow funding to extend across multiple Wards;
- (b) That international travel for Councillor Esther Pauls BE APPROVED and that up to \$3,500 be allocated from the General Legislative Budget (300100) to cover the cost of airfare and incidentals for Councillor Esther Pauls to attend the 2026 International Children's Games in Hualien, Taiwan, as the City Representative; and,
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.