

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Nann

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Enhancing the Public Access Greenspace and Community Use Space at 1067 Barton St E, Ward 3

WHEREAS Hamilton City Council ratified direction to staff to implement A City Plan to Re-invigorate Barton Village and the Adjacent Corridor in February 2026;

WHEREAS YWCA Hamilton is developing Oakwood Place located at 1067 Barton St E in Ward 3, delivering 90 new housing units for women and children, along with a health clinic, licensed child care centre, and other community services;

WHEREAS the Oakwood Place site replaces two previously vacant and derelict buildings and represents an important opportunity to introduce new development, vibrancy and activity onto the Barton Street corridor;

WHEREAS community outreach has demonstrated strong neighbourhood support, with residents and local businesses expressing enthusiasm for the project and for welcoming new families to the area;

WHEREAS Ward 3, particularly the North Crown Point and surrounding industrial area, experiences a deficiency in greenspace and would benefit from increased tree canopy, landscaping, and pedestrian-friendly environments;

WHEREAS enhancements to the courtyard and adjacent public-facing streetscape would create a more welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for both Oakwood Place residents and the broader neighbourhood accessing the childcare centre, health clinic and community services;

WHEREAS high-quality landscaping, seating, lighting, and public realm improvements contribute to neighbourhood pride, support local economic activity, and enhance perceptions of safety;

WHEREAS such improvements are often difficult to fully achieve within the financial constraints of affordable housing development, despite being critical to successful community integration;

WHEREAS investing in streetscape and landscape enhancements at Oakwood Place would ensure that the development contributes not only housing and services, but also meaningful public realm and benefits to the surrounding neighbourhood, and enables the funds to be leveraged fiscally with other funders;

WHEREAS Oakwood Place is anticipated to open in 2027, presenting an opportunity to align streetscape improvements with the completion timeline of the development; and

WHEREAS this project represents a modest, high-impact investment that can serve as a model for future neighbourhood-focused improvements and developments along the Barton St Corridor and across Ward 3.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) That the design and construction of biodiverse landscaping, courtyard enhancements suitable for community-use, and streetscape improvements at Oakwood Place, located at 1067 Barton St E, in Ward 3, **BE FUNDED** \$100,000.00 from the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Discretionary #3302309300 and \$50,000.00 from the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108053 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$150,000 to the YWCA Hamilton;
- b) That the project **BE DELIVERED** in alignment with the anticipated 2027 opening of Oakwood Place to ensure the site is fully integrated into the surrounding neighbourhood upon completion;
- c) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to work with YWCA to gather and report back the detailed designs of this project as best practices for smaller scale, community-focused streetscape improvements in Ward 3, where the learnings can be used to help inform future opportunities to couple the development of new buildings with improved greenspace, community access and tree cover, especially in deficient areas to contribute as investments in greenspace, safety, and neighbourhood revitalization; and
- d) That the General Manager 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.