

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. DUVAL.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Caribbean Local Economic Development (CARILED) Program

Whereas on November 19, 2012, the City of Hamilton’s Planning and Economic Development Department was selected to the resource pool of Canadian municipalities that will offer their expertise as part of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) CARILED program in the Caribbean over the next five (5) years;

And whereas Hamilton’s selection was based on the Planning and Economic Development Department organizational model that has been recognized nationally and internationally as a best practise in service delivery; and the fact that senior staff within the Planning and Economic Development Department have previously participated in FCM’s local economic development programs in the Czech Republic, Namibia and Malawi;

And whereas Hamilton’s Planning and Economic Development Department has a diverse and experienced staff in a number of disciplines including; small business development, business attraction, building services, Geographic Information System (GIS), urban renewal, planning, growth management, by-law services, business licensing, and tourism and culture;

And whereas the CARILED Program will help develop the mechanisms, expertise, information and other resources needed to local Caribbean authorities to facilitate and co-ordinate local economic development and to create tools and management models that will, in turn, be disseminated throughout the entire Commonwealth Caribbean region.

And whereas Hamilton staff will share their expertise, advice and best practises to support an improved enabling environment for local economic development in Caribbean countries that are members of the British Commonwealth;

And whereas FCM will cover all participant travel, accommodation and meal expenses related to these missions through funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Therefore Be It Resolved;

- (a) That City Council endorse the participation of the City of Hamilton in the FCM CARILED program for a period of 5 years;
- (b) That the assignment of municipal staff to specific projects in the Caribbean and/or the hosting of delegations to Canada on a periodic basis be authorized and approved;
- (c) That staff report back annually to City Council on the results and value of their participation in this humanitarian FCM program.