

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MOTION

Special - February 13, 2024

Reserve Financing Strategy

MOVED BY MEMBER C. KROETSCH

SECONDED BY MEMBER A. MENEZES

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton released its Reserve Financing Strategy on January 12, 2024 (FCS24002 - Appendix E);

WHEREAS the City's strategy identified \$256,493,465 in uncommitted reserve funds (i.e. discretionary);

WHEREAS the City allocated \$152,599,501 in 2024 to help offset the tax impact to residents, which is approximately 60% of its discretionary reserve balance, with a plan to spend a total of 84% of its discretionary reserves by the end of 2027; and

WHEREAS the Hamilton Police Services identified the Tax Stabilization Reserve, which has an unused amount of \$2,551,951 as of December 31, and the Police Capital Expenses Reserve, which has an unused amount of \$1,839,430 as of December 31, as discretionary (i.e. uncommitted funds); and

WHEREAS, according to the Hamilton Police Service, the total amount available in the discretionary Tax Stabilization and Police Capital Expenses reserves is \$4,391,381 and, using the same 60% allocation methodology as the City of Hamilton, there is the potential to draw down discretionary reserves by a total of \$2,612,630.11.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED -

- (a) That the discretionary Tax Stabilization and Police Capital Expenses reserves be drawn down by a total of \$2,612,630.11 (including any previous allocations to draw down these specific reserves as outlined in the 2024 budget); and
- (b) That the Hamilton Police Service bring forward a Reserve Financing Strategy in line with the City's multi year Reserve Financing Strategy outlined in FCS24002 - Appendix E through 2027.