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To: Chair and Members of Committee of the Whole

From: Councillor Blair Lancaster

Cc: James Ridge, Joan Ford, Mary Lou Tanner, Kwab Ako-Adjei, Allan Magi, Nancy Shea-Nicol, Jo-Anne Rudy

Date: June 26, 2017

Re: Joseph Brant Museum

Colleagues,

I wanted to provide you with an update on the Joseph Brant Museum and to seek your support for moving the project forward.

The following are the current funds committed from each the organizations involved:

- City of Burlington: \$2,120,000 committed, with the same amount allocated
- Joseph Brant Museum Foundation: \$2,589,559 committed, but not yet fully raised
- Federal Government: \$4,479,000 committed through Cultural Spaces Fund
- Provincial Government: \$500,000 committed through Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Total Committed Funds: \$9,688,559

With these funds in place, there is an approximate funding gap of about \$1M. The city has a request before the Provincial Government for the remaining funding and we will continue to work with the Province.

Previous estimates of the total project cost were about \$10.4M, those estimates were based on construction starting in early 2017. Staff have noted that the project cost may be higher depending on when construction begins; there is usually a premium on construction costs if substantial work occurs over the winter months.

In order to move the project forward and provide certainty, I am requesting (through the motion below), that the city endorse provisional funding until such time as we receive a response from the Provincial Government.

Other item to Note:

Through discussions with city staff, the Joseph Brant Hospital has agreed to transfer ownership of the Museum lands and facility to the city. The transfer of lands will need several levels of approval: the Hospital Board, the Local Health Integrated Network Board and the Ministry of Health.

The transfer is expected to go to the Hospital Board for approval at the end of this month.

Motion:

Whereas, the City of Burlington continues to support the expansion of the Joseph Brant Museum; and

Whereas, with the financial contributions from the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Museum Transformation project is closer than ever to being realized; and

Whereas, the city has a request before the Provincial Government and we continue to work with them to secure the remaining funds

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Burlington:

Support the continuation of staff and the Museum Foundation efforts to resolve the transfer of lands; provide updated costing for the project; and ensure the fundraising campaign is underway

Approve provisional financing in the amount of \$1M from the Capital Purposes Reserve Fund subject to not realizing further Provincial Government funding

Direct the Director of Finance to report back to Council in September 2017 providing an update on the land transfer, updated capital costs, operating impacts and the provisional financing required.