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**To: Mayor and Members of Council**

**From: Councillor Rory Nisan**

**Date: May 31, 2019**

**Re: Direction to report back to Committee of Whole on Options for Panhandling in City**

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The Council Information Package of May 10, 2019 included a memo from staff related to a staff direction to deal with options on panhandlers and safety. This memo provided an update based on the following staff direction approved at the December 17, 2018 meeting of Council:

Direct the Director of City Building to assign appropriate staff to consult with Halton Region Police Services, Halton Region Health and Social Services Departments and report back on options to eliminate panhandling in busy intersections in Burlington and identify social supports available to residents in need by Q2 2019.

Based on the information provided in the update from staff I believe we need to further explore this matter including communication methods available around panhandling and best practices from other communities to understand how best to manage this within our own community.

Therefore, I would like to propose the following staff direction:

**Direct the Director of City Building to report back to Planning and Development Committee on July 9, 2019 with a report that provides information on best practices to manage panhandling in other municipalities and provide additional options, including communication methods, to assist the City of Burlington in addressing panhandling.**

Thank you

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