



Motion Memorandum

SUBJECT: Additional Safe Restart Agreement Funding for Municipalities

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: February 15, 2022

Motion for Council to Consider:

Whereas the Safe Restart Agreement funding was vital in enabling municipalities, including the City of Burlington, to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, maintain critical services, meet our responsibility to balance our budgets while maintaining the health and safety for members of the public and staff; and

Whereas when the Province of Ontario entered Modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopen in January 2022, the restrictions forced the closure of municipal indoor recreational facilities and amenities, which resulted in the cancellation of programs and facility rentals until January 26, 2022; and

Whereas the City of Burlington is forecasting significant revenue losses for 2022 (in excess of \$5.8 million), prior to the most recent closures in January 2022 particularly for services such as transit, recreation facilities and programs and parking operations; and

Whereas the City of Burlington is also forecasting continuing COVID-19 related expenditures to maintain service delivery and comply with the regulations; and

Whereas the full effect of the pandemic will continue to be felt in municipalities in 2022, well beyond the funding provided under the existing Safe Restart Agreement;

Therefore be it resolved that Burlington City Council calls on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to provide additional Safe Restart Agreement funding support for municipalities in 2022; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier; the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy,

Provincial Minister of Finance; Burlington MPs, MPPs, FCM, AMO, OBCM, Halton Region and the Towns of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

Reason:

COVID-19 continues to have a significant impact on both revenues and expenditures for municipalities, including the City of Burlington.

Outcome Sought:

Additional Safe Restart Agreement funding for 2022 for municipalities.

Vision to Focus Alignment:

(check those that apply)

- ☒ Increase economic prosperity and community responsive city growth
- ☐ Improve integrated city mobility
- ☐ Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
- ☐ Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture
- ☐ Deliver customer centric services with a focus on efficiency and technology transformation

Motion Seconded by: Councillor Angelo Bentivegna, Ward 6
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Approved as per form by the City Clerk,

Reviewed by the City Manager - In accordance with the Code of Good Governance, Council-Staff Relations Policy and an assessment of the internal capacity within the City to complete the work based on a specific target date (quarter/year).

Comments:

City Clerk: Approved as per Form

City Manager: Approved as per Form