



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Outdoor Maintenance Subsidy Program for Eligible Seniors with Low Income and Persons with Disabilities with Low Income

CONSIDERATION DATE: April 13, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Khalqi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Marshall

WHEREAS maintaining residential properties, through lawn care, yard maintenance, snow removal and other similar activities can be physically and financially challenging for some seniors and persons with disabilities with low income; an Outdoor Maintenance Subsidy Program would provide financial assistance to eligible residents to help recoup the cost of outdoor maintenance service fees;

AND WHEREAS this program would support the upkeep of neighbourhood aesthetics and property standards, while also reducing potential by-law issues related to property maintenance; contributing to aging in place, enhancing community safety, ensuring property standards compliance, and improving the overall quality of life for residents;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) provides funds to the Town of Milton through the Municipal Contribution Agreement (MCA), and such contributions are intended to support community improvements and programming that benefits the residents of Milton for the broader public good;

AND WHEREAS funding for this program could be sourced from the Town of Milton's OLG reserve, with an estimated annual program cost of \$125,000 plus administrative expenses, without affecting the municipality's existing 10-year operating or capital budget. The proposed program would offer a subsidy of \$500 per eligible resident, with a cap of 250 applicants per year;

AND WHEREAS the OLG reserve fund is currently projected to vary between approximately \$9.5 million and \$6.1 million over the next 10 years, and allocating funding for this program would result in an estimated reduction of approximately \$1.25 million plus administrative costs over the same 10-year period;



AND WHEREAS while this funding approach would support the program within the 10-year forecast period, the long-term sustainability of the program, beyond the 10-year mark, may need to be reassessed if OLG revenues change or if an alternative funding source is not identified;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council prior to the deliberation of the 2027 Milton budget on the feasibility of implementing an Outdoor Maintenance Subsidy Program for Eligible Seniors with Low Income and Persons with Disabilities with Low Income in the Town of Milton;

AND THAT in undertaking this work, staff are further directed to complete a jurisdictional scan and consult with other municipalities that have similar programs in place, in order to model a program tailored to the needs and benefit of Milton's residents;

AND THAT staff consult with Halton Region to determine whether administrative support could be provided to assist with program implementation.