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WHEREAS, every year hundreds of young adults finish their post-secondary studies at McMaster University, Mohawk College and Redeemer University, and for the most part, these bright young minds leave Hamilton, and;

WHEREAS, the inability to retain university/college graduates represents a loss in Hamilton’s ability to foster and attract creative, leading edge businesses and jobs, and;

AND WHEREAS, several Hamilton student writers on the subject (see attached) suggest that students leave as they fail to establish a relationship with Hamilton as home during their time in school, sometimes feeling alienated in near-campus neighbourhoods,

NOW THEREFORE City Council requests the City of Hamilton Economic Development Advisory Committee to advise Council on a strategy to keep McMaster University, Mohawk College, and Redeemer University students in Hamilton, post graduation, said strategy to include, including but not be limited to:

(a) working on Hamilton’s image in the minds of these young people including actionable strategies on improving campus-town relations, and;

(b) recommending specific programs that would directly assist graduates in creating businesses and obtaining jobs in Hamilton.