

**RESOLUTION No. 2018-**  
**Support of Niagara Falls Community Development Application to the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation**

By:

Council Chairman Andrew Touma  
Council Member William Kennedy  
Council Member Ezra Scott Jr.  
Council Member Kenny Tompkins  
Council Member Christopher Voccio

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department is preparing a \$25,000 grant application to the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation to fund the installation of the Hyde Park Inclusionary Play Project; and

WHEREAS, the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation is focused on improving the lives of young people in the communities where Tower family members have lived, worked, and raised their children; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde Park Inclusionary Play Project would improve the quality of life for local children and families, especially children with special mobility and behavioral needs; and

WHEREAS, the project is designed to offer more family-centric activities in the City of Niagara Falls, consistent with the approved Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan; and

WHEREAS a Tower Foundation grant would further support a new and comprehensive level of youth programming, physical education opportunities and parenting workshops in strong partnership with the Niagara Falls City School District, EMPOWER, Niagara University, the Niagara Falls Youth Board and other community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the project was directly supported by the Niagara Falls community through the 2017 Niagara Falls Community Development Participatory Budgeting Process (PB360), and;

WHEREAS, the application to competitive, non-governmental funding sources alleviates the need to use municipal funds for public space improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Niagara Falls, New York hereby supports the Niagara Falls Community Development Department's funding application to the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation in support of the Hyde Park Inclusionary Play Project.

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