

Attachment 1: Citywide Hackathon – Motion

WHEREAS hackathons are events that bring together diverse groups of individuals to collaborate intensively on innovative projects over a short period of time; and

WHEREAS hackathons have a proven track record of spurring innovation and entrepreneurship by providing a platform for creative problem-solving, rapid prototyping, and the development of new technologies and solutions; and

WHEREAS the organization of a hackathon can engage the local community, including students, professionals, and entrepreneurs, fostering a spirit of collaboration and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS hackathons have the potential to address pressing local challenges by leveraging the collective intelligence and creativity of participants to generate practical and innovative solutions; and

WHEREAS the successful implementation of solutions developed during hackathons can lead to economic growth by creating new business opportunities, attracting investments, and generating employment; and

WHEREAS hackathons can also serve as a catalyst for establishing or strengthening partnerships between local government, businesses, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS the City of Brampton has a history of supporting community-led hackathons, demonstrating a commitment to fostering innovation and collaboration within our community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs Economic Development staff to investigate the feasibility of organizing a hackathon aimed at addressing local challenges within our community;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff consider the following elements in their investigation:

1. Identification of key local challenges that could be addressed through a hackathon.
2. Potential partners and sponsors from the private sector, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations.
3. Possible venues, dates, and formats for the hackathon.
4. Budgetary requirements.
5. Strategies for promoting the hackathon to ensure broad and diverse participation.
6. Mechanisms for supporting the development and implementation of viable solutions post-hackathon.