

**CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION**

General Issues Committee Date: November 14, 2011

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. McHATTIE.....

Request to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to Transfer Liquor License Process

Whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) “new liquor license” process includes a provision by which affected citizens (or City Councils by Council motion) can request a hearing to determine the impact of the license request, including negative impacts on local neighbourhoods;

And Whereas the AGCO “transfer of liquor license” process does not allow for public or City Council requests for a hearing;

And Whereas the transfer of a liquor license could substantially change the type of facility and the accompanying impact in a neighbourhood;

And Whereas the inability of citizens to intervene in a liquor license transfer process could lead to citizens challenging a new liquor license request due to the fear of a future change in facility operations.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) be requested to meet with the City of Hamilton to discuss the transfer of liquor license process and understand its potential impact on neighbourhoods, and seek changes to AGCO policies and processes.