

**CITY OF HAMILTON  
NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Committee Date: December 12, 2011**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. McHATTIE .....**

**Ban on the Sale and Use of Shark Fins**

Whereas, a number of cities and the State of California have passed bylaws/ordinances banning the sale and use of shark fins in their areas, and;

Whereas, clearly the practice of removing fins from sharks, often while still alive, is a brutal practice, and;

Whereas, that notwithstanding bylaws passed in Brantford, Oakville, Mississauga and Toronto it appears that Ontario municipalities do not have the jurisdiction to make law on this issue, but rather the onus is on the federal government to act.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton request that Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, along with Environment Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (in reference to CITES legislation) take carriage of the shark fin issue and proceed to enact a ban on the use and sale of shark fins and shark fin products in Canada;
- (b) That, in anticipation of a Canada-wide ban enacted by the federal government, the City of Hamilton request that the sale and use of shark fin products in Hamilton cease immediately;
- (c) That a copy of this motion be provided to all users of shark fin products in Hamilton (possibly through business license renewal communications), AMO, FCM, area M.P.s, and Mr. Finn Donnelly, M.P. New Westminister, British Columbia.