

**CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE of MOT I O N**

Committee Date: June 4, 2012

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FERGUSON.....

10.3 Licensed Use of Cosmetic Pesticides

Whereas the risks associated with pesticides can be substantially reduced by either banning pesticides altogether or by implementing a comprehensive set of policies complemented by public education;

Whereas an accredited Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program can minimize the use of pesticides, by using all available techniques in an environmentally sound manner, to sustain healthy horticultural landscapes;

Whereas licensed applicators can take safety precautions when applying pesticides that reduce or eliminate risk to the public and are an effective means of controlling weeds as part of an IPM program;

Whereas municipalities are facing increased costs to maintain grass and prevent weeds along roadways and in parks and sports fields as a result of the ban on cosmetic pesticides in Ontario that took effect in 2009; and

Whereas the City of Hamilton is getting an increasing number of complaints from residents regarding weeds in cemeteries, parks, sports fields, maintained open spaces and along trails and roadsides.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Premier of Ontario and leaders of the opposition Parties be requested to support Bill 88, Pesticides Amendment Act, being an act to allow the use of pesticides by licensed operators, provided the application of pesticide is part of an accredited Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Be it also resolved that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Parks Association, Landscape Ontario, the Sports Turf Grass Association, and the Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals.