



MOTION

Council Date: February 13, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

SUPPORTING THE STOPGAP RAMP INITIATIVE

WHEREAS the StopGap Ramp Initiative is a Toronto-based program that provides free, non-permanent ramps to businesses with one-step-up-entries, which would otherwise exclude people who require no-step entries from accessing their services. StopGap's work brings attention to the many barriers that exist for people with disabilities. By using brightly coloured ramps, the need for accessible spaces in our communities stands out. The group has received support from Home Depot, which provided materials and volunteer labour;

AND WHEREAS the Ottawa Street BIA has volunteered to be the location for the pilot of the StopGap Initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the appropriate staff be directed to submit a report to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee, in consultation with the Home Depot or other like suppliers and with the Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities (ACPD), as to how the StopGap Ramp Initiative can be supported by the City of Hamilton and incorporated into the City's implementation of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*
- (b) That the Ottawa Street BIA be used as a pilot location for the StopGap Ramp Initiative in the City of Hamilton.