

**CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION**

Committee Date: April 2, 2014

MOVED BYCOUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Rail-Cargo Safety – Real Time Information

Whereas, there is a heightened sense of concern regarding the transportation of dangerous goods via rail cargo through cities; and,

Whereas, the federal government has already instructed rail companies to share historical data with cities in order to improve public safety and assist first responders; and,

Whereas there is a legitimate public safety interest in having immediate and real time data;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton request Transport Canada to explore the feasibility of having rail companies provide real-time information to municipal first responder personnel;
- (b) That should impediments exist to preclude rail companies from providing such information, that Transport Canada require rail companies to implement notification procedures at the immediate outset of an emergency which requires them to provide the local first responders with a detailed manifest of the dangerous goods and their exact location relative to the composition of the involved train.