

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Committee Date: April 16, 2014

MOVED BYCOUNCILLOR J. FARR

Ontario Women's Hockey Association Bid Submission for the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Championship

Whereas the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) has selected Hamilton as their preferred location for the prestigious 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship and is preparing to submit a bid to Hockey Canada; and,

Whereas the 2013 Women's World Championship event was hosted in Ottawa and recorded 152,450 paid spectators over the 21 games of the tournament; and,

Whereas the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance Economic Impact Assessment estimated 5,400 same-day visitors and 3,100 overnight visitors to this event, with the average number of games attended per visitor as 18, and generated just under \$3 million in revenue to the City of Ottawa during their visit; and,

Whereas the Ontario Women's Hockey Association is looking for support from the City of Hamilton in their pursuit of this significant event which, apart from utilizing a significant number of hotel rooms in Hamilton, will also use the FirstOntario Centre as their primary competition venue, with secondary competition sites and practice facilities at City of Hamilton-owned arenas.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the submission being prepared by the Ontario Women's Hockey Association to Hockey Canada to hold the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in Hamilton include the City of Hamilton's sponsorship of this event;
- (b) That \$25,000 be allocated from the Sport Tourism Reserve to the Ontario Women's Hockey Association Host Organizing Committee to host the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, subject to the condition that all associated secondary competitions and practice events be held at City of Hamilton-owned areas only;
- (c) That City of Hamilton owned arena rental fees for the secondary competitions and practice events.