

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: July 11, 2014

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Local Health of Honey Bees

Whereas, honeybees and other pollinating insects are critical to the health of our human and natural ecosystems, and;

Whereas, honeybee species are dying off at a rate too high to guarantee their long-term survival, and;

Whereas, there is growing evidence suggesting that the primary factor in honeybee decline is the presence of neonicotinoid insecticides, commonly found in commonly used agricultural pesticides, and;

Whereas, the European Union and other governments have banned neonicotinoids.

Therefore be it resolved:

That staff consult with the Royal Botanical Gardens, McMaster University, the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, the Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Farmers, the Ontario Beekeepers' Association and others to determine the local health of honey bees, the use of neonicotinoids, and report back to the Board of Health on options for local action.