

CITY OF HAMILTON M O T I O N

Council Date: March 11, 2015

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Proposed Cat Licensing Program

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton regulates and licenses dogs and pot bellied pigs under the Responsible Animal Ownership By-Law 12-031;

AND WHEREAS the licensing of dogs creates responsible pet ownership, provides food, shelter, medical care for lost pets, helps return lost pets to their owners and helps support adoption programs;

AND WHEREAS the licensing of cats in such Cities as Calgary, Toronto and London have seen a reduction in stray cats, impound and euthanasia rates and an increase in adoptions within their perspective Cities;

AND WHEREAS a Cat Licensing program would create sustainable revenue for programs such as an increased microchipping registration program; a low cost spay/neutering program; a reduction in overpopulation of cats crisis and support a Trap/Neuter/Release program for feral cats;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to examine the feasibility of implementing a Cat Licensing Program within By-law 12-031;
- (b) That staff be directed to examine any resources available to increase the microchipping registration of cats, and strategically manage the over-population of cats in Hamilton, thus resulting in responsible cat ownership.