

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMITTEE DATE: September 15, 2015

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. JOHNSON.....

Re: Review of Discharge of Firearms By-law

Whereas, Section 119 of the *Municipal Act*, provides municipalities with specific and limited jurisdiction to prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns or other firearms, airguns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any other weapon; and

Whereas, the City of Hamilton enacted the Discharge of Firearms By-law No. 05-114 which prohibits the discharge of firearms within the City limits with exemptions for military and law enforcement purposes and for shooting ranges and gun shops that are federally regulated and for hunting and recreational purposes in certain areas of the City and for the protection of livestock and produce on farmlands; and

Whereas, the City Solicitor, through report LS15020 (Regulating Guns and/or Ammunition) dated August 10, 2015 informed the General Issues Committee that the By-law is in need of updating, for example to improve the maps detailing where the discharge of firearms is permitted for hunting purposes;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That Municipal Law Enforcement staff, in consultation with Legal Services and Planning staff as well as the Hamilton Police Service, undertake a comprehensive review of the Discharge of Firearms By-law No. 05-114, including stakeholder consultation, and
- (b) That staff be directed to report back with recommendations for the most effective Discharge of Firearms By-law including, but not limited to, consideration of where the discharge of firearms is permitted for hunting purposes in view of recent and future development in the City.