

**CITY OF HAMILTON  
MOTION**

**COUNCIL: March 9, 2016**

**MOVED BY MAYOR EISENBERGER.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

**“Freedom of the City” - 31 Service Battalion of the City of Hamilton**

WHEREAS the granting of the “Freedom of the City” has been a long time tradition in the City of Hamilton dating back to the mid 1970’s;

WHEREAS “Freedom of the City” is an ancient honour granted to martial organizations, allowing them the privilege to march into the city with drums beating, colours flying, and bayonets fixed. It is a symbol of trust and reward in return for dedicated duty.

WHEREAS the 31 Service Battalion proudly serves Canada by training citizens with a companies in Hamilton, London and Windsor;

WHEREAS the 31 Service Battalion is a unit from the Canadian Forces 31 Canadian Brigade Group, a unique element of the Canadian Forces, whose task is to augment Canada’s military by providing Combat Service Support soldiers.

WHEREAS Hamiltonians have volunteered their service to their country in combat service support over the decades in domestic operations and deployed throughout the world on both United Nations (UN) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) missions.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the “Freedom of the City” be conferred upon the officers and members of the 31 Service Battalion of the City of Hamilton.