

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: March 9, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

Extended HSR Bus Service for the Early Morning of Sunday, March 27, 2016

WHEREAS, the City's agent, Spectra Venue Management (formerly Global Spectrum), has secured 5 Garth Brooks performances that will attract over 80,000 people to First Ontario Centre over a 4 day period from March 24 through to March 27, 2016;

WHEREAS, approximately 2/3 of the patrons will be non-residents of the City of Hamilton, spending significant amounts of money at city hotels, restaurants, bars, and retail shops;

WHEREAS, the second show on Saturday, March 26, 2016 will vacate after regular bus schedules end;

WHEREAS, on this same evening, downtown parking lots will be full with visitors attending both the earlier performance as well as the later performance;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton wants to promote safe and convenient transportation for visitors and residents to and from downtown events; and,

WHEREAS, Spectra Venue Management is arranging to partially alleviate vehicular traffic coming downtown for the Saturday night performance, by coordinating with HSR to establish dedicated shuttle buses from 3 strategic hubs to bring patrons downtown and back to their cars, at no cost to the City of Hamilton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the extension of regular bus service by 1 hour on Sunday, March 27, 2016 from 1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. to further accommodate patrons who require regular HSR service upon exiting the second performance that begins late on the evening of Saturday March 26, 2016, should HSR staff be agreeable to working the extra hour, be approved; and,
- (b) That the estimated cost of \$8,000 to extend regular bus service by 1 hour on Sunday, March 27, 2016 from 1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account #110046, be approved.