

# **CITY OF HAMILTON**

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Council: April 27, 2016**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN.....**

**Proposed Pilot Program for the City's Business Improvement Areas (Bias) - Establishing Temporary, Seasonal Patios and Seating Areas Utilizing On-Street Parking Spaces**

WHEREAS outdoor patios and seating areas can enhance the vibrancy and activity on commercial streets;

WHEREAS opportunities for outdoor patios and seating areas on sidewalks is very limited, or impossible, in many of the City's older commercial areas;

WHEREAS many small businesses and BIAs in the City's older commercial areas could benefit from having additional outdoor space for their customers and clientele; and

WHEREAS other cities in Ontario have implemented programs to support temporary, seasonal patios utilizing the on-street parking areas of commercial streets;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

- a) That the Planning and Economic Development Department, with support from the Public Works Department, develop for Council's consideration a report outlining a proposed pilot program for the City's Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) that would permit local businesses and/or the BIAs to establish temporary, seasonal patios and seating areas utilizing on-street parking spaces;
- b) That the pilot program be ready for implementation in 2016;
- c) That the pilot program include mechanisms to streamline any necessary approvals to permit temporary, seasonal patios and seating areas while ensuring appropriate regard to issues such as safety, traffic flow, parking revenues and other matters; and
- d) That the report include a process for monitoring the success of the pilot program, and a mechanism for reporting back to Council with recommendations for the continuation and/or expansion of the program in 2017 for Council's consideration