

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Planning Committee: June 14, 2016

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. JOHNSON.....**

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

**Re: Illegal Businesses in Agricultural Areas of Ward 11 (Glanbrook)**

WHEREAS, there are on-going, significant problems associated with the large number of illegal businesses operating on agricultural lands in Ward 11 (Glanbrook);

WHEREAS, illegal businesses operate with unfair advantages over legal businesses including, but not limited to the fact that they do not pay the same property taxes; and

WHEREAS, a concentrated, proactive enforcement effort and a unique enforcement skill set is required to address the significant problem of illegal business operating on agricultural lands in Ward 11 (Glanbrook);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to undertake an 18 month pilot program, including hiring a temporary Zoning Enforcement Officer to proactively enforce illegal businesses in the agricultural areas of Ward 11 (Glanbrook);
- (b) That the cost of the 18 month pilot (estimated to be \$170,000 for employee related expenses and a vehicle) be funded as follows:
  - (i) \$145,000 in employee related expenses from the Tax Stabilization Reserve;
  - (ii) \$25,000 for a one-time vehicle cost from unallocated capital;
- (c) That staff be directed to report back with terms of reference including key performance measures and expectations before initiating the pilot.