

Motion Regarding Planning Advisory Committees

Whereas the changes to the *Planning Act* as a result of Bill 73 have come into force on July 1, 2016, as proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor;

And whereas Section 8 of the *Planning Act* states that the council of a municipality may appoint a planning advisory committee composed of such persons as the council may determine;

And whereas Section 8 (4) of the *Planning Act* states that the members of a planning advisory committee shall be chosen by the council and shall include at least one resident of the municipality who is neither a member of a municipal council nor an employee of the municipality;

And whereas the City has a number of advisory committees that deal with land use planning matters that meet these criteria;

And whereas utilizing existing advisory committees and reducing duplication would allow the City to utilize existing resources in providing advice on land use planning matters;

Therefore be it resolved

That the City of Hamilton's existing advisory committees that deal with land use planning matters and which include at least one resident who is neither a member of Council nor an employee of the municipality shall be deemed to be the City of Hamilton's planning advisory committee.