

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF M O T I O N

General Issues Committee Date: August 8, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN.....

Development of Provincial Model By-law for Payday Loans Businesses

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario gives Municipalities the authority to regulate Payday Loans businesses in areas not already covered by Provincial Regulation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton was the first Municipality in the Province to create a licensing category to license Payday Loans businesses;

AND WHEREAS under the Municipal Act, municipalities do not have the authority to address minimum distances, concentrations and hours of operation for Payday Loans businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the Municipal Act to give broader powers to municipalities to regulate Payday Loans businesses;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton Licensing Division has been working with representatives from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs to strengthen municipal powers in relation to Payday Loans businesses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Licensing Division staff be directed to review Schedule 11 of Business Licensing By-law 07-170 – Payday Loans, and develop a model By-law addressing minimum distances, concentration and hours of operation with respect to Payday Loans businesses, and report back to the Planning Committee;
- (b) That the model By-law be shared with the Ministry of Government Services for their consideration and implementation within the appropriate statutory framework to permit such regulations at the municipal level.