

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: September 7, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

Proposed Extension of Outdoor Swimming Pool Hours and Free Admission to All Public Swims During the Summer Season

WHEREAS, hot weather can contribute to the development of heat related illness to the general population and public health issues;

WHEREAS, some residents, including seniors, young children and people with pre-existing medical conditions, may be less able to cope and acclimatize to hot weather conditions, and are considered as having an increased risk of developing a heat-related illness;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton, in consultation with Public Health Services, have developed a Community Heat Response Plan to help residents cope with heat events;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's ten outdoor swimming pools play a vital role in the Community Heat Response Plan providing residents with the ability to cool off;

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Hamilton would benefit to greater access to the ten outdoor swimming pools during the summer;

WHEREAS, providing free public swimming at all ten outdoor swimming pools all summer would provide the residents of the City of Hamilton greater access to recreation opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Councillor Aidan. Johnson moved a motion at City Council on July 8, 2016, to keep Coronation outdoor swimming pool open between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. as a pilot for the remainder of the 2016 season.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee with options of extending the operating hours of the outdoor swimming pools and providing free admission to all public swims during the summer season.