

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Planning Committee Date: October 4, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. JOHNSON.....

Re: Review of the Current By-law Enforcement Service Levels in the McMaster University Neighbourhoods

WHEREAS, there is one full-time Environmental Bylaw officer, assisted by one part-time officer, and student help in the summer assigned to Ward 1 (West Hamilton);

WHEREAS, additional staff resources are assigned to enforce By-law violations during the times when students are moving in and out of rental units (i.e. September and April);

WHEREAS, discussions with the Westdale and Ainslie Wood neighbourhood associations, reveal that one full-time By-law officer is not sufficient to deal with ongoing noise pollution and hygiene problems associated with bad student housing in the community, and;

WHEREAS, the problems with bad student housing in the community are not concentrated in a few particular weeks (i.e. September and April);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to review the current By-law Enforcement service levels in the McMaster neighbourhoods, and report back to the Planning Committee before the 2017 budget deliberations begin with:
 - (i) options for increasing the levels of by-law enforcement in the McMaster neighbourhoods including additional staff, re-prioritizing enforcement efforts to allow reassignment of current staff, or any other practical options; and
 - (ii) detailed cost estimates for each of the increased service level options along with possible funding sources for any option which would result in increased expenditures.
- (b) That staff enter into discussions with McMaster University to explore possible cost-sharing arrangements for increasing the levels of by-law enforcement in the McMaster neighbourhoods.