

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: December 14, 2016

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. JOHNSON.....**

### **One Year Pilot Program for Yard Maintenance Related By-Laws in the McMaster Neighbourhoods**

WHEREAS, a motion to approve one full-time Environmental By-law Officer to enforce the City's by-laws in the communities surrounding McMaster University was TABLED by the Planning Committee on December 6, 2016 to allow the Ward Councillor to investigate alternative funding sources including, but not limited to, Bell Cell Tower Funding and Capital Reinvestment Reserves (Area Rating); and,

WHEREAS, no viable alternative funding sources are available for increased by-law enforcement in the communities surrounding McMaster University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to expand the current Mohawk College Co-op Student program by hiring two additional students for enforcement of the one year pilot program for yard maintenance related by-laws in the McMaster neighbourhoods, based on full cost recovery through Fee for Inspection charges for non-compliant properties;
- (b) That two required vehicles, for use by the Mohawk College Co-op Students to enforce yard maintenance related by-laws in the McMaster neighbourhoods, to be funded from Capital Reinvestment Reserves (Area Rating) at an estimated one-time cost of \$50,000 (\$25,000 each), be approved;
- (c) That, as part of the one year pilot program for enforcement of yard maintenance related by-laws in the McMaster neighbourhoods, the Mohawk College Co-op Students be directed to collect baseline data in order to assist in determining adequate, permanent yard maintenance by-law enforcement resource requirements for the McMaster neighbourhoods;
- (d) That one Parking Control Officer be redeployed to proactively address parking issues in the McMaster neighbourhoods; and,
- (e) That staff be directed to report back to the Planning Committee before the end of the 12 month pilot program for enforcement of yard maintenance related by-laws in the McMaster neighbourhoods, with the results of the pilot and recommendations for permanent by-law enforcement resource requirements for the McMaster neighbourhoods.