

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: January 25, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

### Review of Pawnbrokers and Cash for Gold Businesses in Hamilton

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has 112 Pawnbrokers and Cash for Gold locations;

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the *Municipal Act*, a municipality may pass by-laws with respect to business licensing;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton Licensing By-law 07-170 regulates the operating procedures of Jewellery and Precious Metals and Pawnbrokers businesses, in addition to the *Pawnbrokers Act*;

WHEREAS the current *Pawnbrokers Act*, passed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is outdated and needs to be reviewed to include new business models such as Cash for Gold and Jewellery and Precious Metals trades; and,

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is currently updating Schedule 22 of Business Licensing By-law 07-170 to better reflect business practices that ensures consumer protection and the return of stolen property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Licensing Division staff be directed to review Schedule 22 of Business Licensing By-law 07-170 – Salvage and Second-hand Goods, Pawnbrokers and Jewellery and Precious Metals Businesses to strengthen regulatory requirements to ensure accountability to prevent, mitigate or redress losses to, or practices which may negatively impact property owners, and report back to the Planning Committee;
- (b) That the Mayor request the Province to review and update the *Municipal Act* and the *Pawnbrokers Act* to ensure accountability to prevent, mitigate or redress losses to, or practices which may negatively impact property owners; and,
- (c) That the Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board be requested to have the Police Service review the current policies and practices in relation to Schedule 22 of the Business Licensing By-law, the *Pawnbrokers Act* and Cash for Gold vendors, and report back to the Board on the status of Pawnbrokers and Cash for Gold Vendors in Hamilton.