

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee: March 1, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR EISENBERGER.....

Statute of Leonardo Sciascia

WHEREAS, 2017 is Canada’s 150th and the 30th anniversary of the twinning of the City of Hamilton and Racalmuto, Sicily;

WHEREAS, the immigrants of Sicily have made a significant contribution to the growth and success of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, a committee has been formed by local citizens to create a permanent tribute and commemoration of the very close connection between the citizens of Racalmuto and Hamilton in the year of Canada’s 150th;

WHEREAS, Leonardo Sciascia, a preeminent and award winning writer in the fields of fiction, poetry, political commentary, and other areas was a famous son of Racalmuto to which a bronze statue in his honour was erected on the Via Garibaldi, the main street of his hometown, Racalmuto;

WHEREAS, the committee has selected to commission a duplicate statute of Leonardo Sciascia as their project and has secured permission to erect the statute on the grounds of LIUNA Station in the Immigration Square Parkette; and,

WHEREAS, the committee is fundraising the \$50,000 required to commission the statue and is seeking a contribution from the City of Hamilton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Hamilton’s contribution toward the commissioning of a statue of Leonardo Sciascia, writer in the fields of fiction, poetry, political commentary and a famous son of Racalmuto, Sicily, in the amount of \$15,000, to be funded from the Ward 2 Area Rating account, be approved.