

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: April 12, 2017

MOVED BY MAYOR F. EISENBEGER.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Freedom of the City – Canadian Forces National Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) and the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the 424th City of Hamilton Transport and Rescue Squadron

WHEREAS, the 424 Squadron has a long history with Hamilton that dates back to the 1930's and 2017 is the 75th Anniversary the Squadron's designation, as the 424th Royal Canadian Air Force Squadron;

WHEREAS, the Canadian Forces National Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) is also taking place in 2017, and this exercise brings together the Search and Rescue (SAR) Units from across Canada;

WHEREAS, each Search and Rescue (SAR) platform should be represented including the CC130H Hercules, CH149 Cormorant, CH146 Griffon, and CC115 Buffalo, the 5 day exercise scheduled to take place from September 23 – 27, 2017, and is a showcase of SAR procedures;

WHEREAS, this friendly competition between Units to hone skills is also heavily featured with events ranging from Overland Search, Mountain Extraction, Water Rescue, to Parachute Rescue and Medical Rescue, and many Hamilton Units outside of the military will also be represented including the Coast Guard and Police Marine units;

WHEREAS, Approximately 200 Canadian Forces members will also descend on Hamilton and live on the economy during their stay and be supported by the Hamilton Airport Authority and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton 424th Transport and Rescue Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force wishes to conduct a series of events to "give back" to Hamilton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That Freedom of the City be granted for the Canadian Forces National Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) and the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the 424th City of Hamilton Transport and Rescue Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Forces from September 23 to 27, 2017, to take place at the John C. Munro International Airport and throughout the City.