

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: April 5, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. PARTRIDGE.....

Re: Investigation of Negative Impacts to the Greensville and Dundas Neighbourhoods Associated with the Increase in Visitors to Webster and Tew Falls and the Dundas Peak

WHEREAS, Hamilton has been promoted as “*The Waterfall Capital of the World*” and annual visitors to Webster and Tew Falls and the Dundas Peak continue to increase (84,000 in 2016 not including annual pass holders or unpaid visitors);

WHEREAS, the increased visitors to Webster and Tew Falls and the Dundas Peak are wreaking havoc on Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods with serious negative impacts including, but not limited to:

- traffic and parking issues for local residents such as gridlock on local streets, visitors blocking roadways and blocking resident’s driveways;
- nuisance issues such as littering and picnicking on resident’s lawns;
- emergency vehicle access impacts for residents

WHEREAS, measures to combat overcrowding such as the installation of “*No Parking*” signs, extra staff and proactive by-law enforcement on weekends, and the implementation of fees for visitors to Webster and Tew Falls and the Dundas Peak have had no deterrent effect whatsoever;

WHEREAS, increased visitors to Webster and Tew Falls and the Dundas Peak are also having negative effects on the environment including damage from littering and trampled ecosystems, as well as safety issues for people on the narrow trails; and

WHEREAS, regular rescue calls for “*risk takers*” at Webster and Tew Falls and the Dundas Peak is a concern for emergency service providers (i.e. fire, police and paramedics);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff be directed to form a multi-disciplinary working group to conduct a comprehensive, multi-faceted investigation of public safety and the negative impacts to the Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods associated with the increase in visitors to Webster and Tew Falls and the Dundas Peak;
- (b) That the Hamilton Conservation Authority, the Hamilton Police Service, EMS, Traffic, Parking, By-law, and CN Railway and any other required staff/agency be requested to participate in the review;
- (c) That staff be directed to report back to the 3 area Councillors and the General Issues Committee no later than September 2017 with potential solutions to the problems associated with the increase in visitors to Webster and Tew Falls.