

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: April 26, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

LICENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO GROW AND HARVEST MARIJUANA FOR THEIR OWN MEDICAL USE

WHEREAS Health Canada issues licences for individuals to grow and harvest marijuana for their own medical use;

WHEREAS the neighbourhoods where marijuana is grown and harvested under these licences can and have been adversely affected; and

WHEREAS Health Canada already commits to communicating with police with respect to these licences in the context of an investigation under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* or the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations*.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Mayor be authorized to forward correspondence to the Canadian Government through the Minister of Health requesting:
 - (a) That the Minister of Health explain why conflicting information for the licences for individuals at 229 Kenilworth Ave. N. in the City of Hamilton has been provided, first stating that there were licences and then that there were not; and,
 - (b) That the Minister of Health provide assurance that in the future:
 - (i) The number of marijuana plants permitted under a licence to an individual for medical purposes will be limited appropriately to supply only the individual;
 - (ii) These licences will be monitored by Health Canada on a regular basis, particularly if “pooling” of production is taking place resulting in a commercial-type operation;
 - (iii) Health Canada will communicate accurately about licences with police and municipal enforcement agencies in the context of investigations of criminal or regulatory legislation, including municipal by-laws; and,
 - (iv) Health Canada will actively engage in reviewing these licences where there is reason to believe that the production of marijuana they authorize is resulting in non-compliance with criminal or regulatory legislation, including municipal by-laws.