

# CITY OF HAMILTON M O T I O N

Board of Health: October 16, 2017

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. JOHNSON .....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

**Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System as a model for the first Urban Biosphere EcoPark in Canada**

WHEREAS the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System is a key environmental initiative, relevant to biodiversity protection, climate change readiness, green space conservation, water protection, and overall human health,

WHEREAS the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System is of significant value from the perspective of economic growth and industry, as an opportunity for sustainable eco-tourism,

WHEREAS the environmental good of the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System is entwined with EcoPark's economic value, given that authentic and desirable economic development is necessarily and specifically sustainable economic development, and

WHEREAS the accompanying briefing note entitled, "The Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System as a model for the first Urban Biosphere EcoPark in Canada", maps a promising vision both for EcoPark and for other, legally similar eco-systems in Canada,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That a letter be sent to the federal and the provincial Ministers of Environment and Climate Change, that includes the following:

- (a) Council's support for the document entitled "Briefing Note: The Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System as a model for the first Urban Biosphere EcoPark in Canada", attached hereto as Appendix A; and
- (b) A request for feedback and advice from the Ministers regarding next steps toward achieving the vision of the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System as a model for the first Urban Biosphere EcoPark in Canada.