

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: October 11, 2017

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....**

### **Urging the Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change (MOECC) to Take Aggressive Action Regarding ArcelorMittal Dofasco Emissions**

WHEREAS, the issue of confining emissions was a 'site specific standard' in 2010 when the company was secured and has been discussed for many, many years now, as confining emits significant amounts of particulate to the air;

WHEREAS, confining emissions continue to be emitted from the ArcelorMittal Dofasco plant, even over this past weekend;

WHEREAS, ArcelorMittal Dofasco continues to indicate that there were no 'viable' options in place to reduce confining emissions;

WHEREAS, ArcelorMittal Dofasco must be required to take action to control particulate emissions from iron confining in order to mitigate the current situation with a process that is superior to, the basic process of 'wet confining pits', which is creating emissions chaos and is simply not acceptable nor is it fair to the community;

WHEREAS, ArcelorMittal Dofasco current 'site specific standards' focus on their two coke plants, which must be compliant with strict performance measures that are set out in a Director's Order (legally enforceable document);

WHEREAS, ArcelorMittal Dofasco are failing to comply with the Director's Order and have not met the performance measures which came into effect in January of this year and therefore, secured a six month extension (within a site specific standard that is arguably already an extension as it gives the company more time to meet the actual air standards);

WHEREAS, ArcelorMittal Dofasco have recently requested a further six-month extension, which was denied by Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change due to community intervention; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton believes that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change should pursuing the enforcement and taking aggressive action to ensure that ArcelorMittal Dofasco is complying with the performance measures set out in the Director's Order respecting their site specific standards, including laying charges for non-compliance if warranted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change be requested to initiate aggressive action in order to ensure that ArcelorMittal Dofasco complies with the performance measures set out in the Director's Order associated with their site specific standards, including laying charges for non-compliance if warranted; and
- (b) That a summit be hosted on air quality inviting the Premier, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and Local MPP's as well as industry to discuss solutions.