

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Council: May 9, 2018

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR R. PASUTA.....**

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

**Support for the Aggregate Property Appeals filed by The Corporation of the County of Wellington**

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Hamilton (the “Municipality”) has been advised that The Corporation of the County of Wellington (the “County of Wellington”) has appealed certain decisions of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (“MPAC”) with respect to some properties within the geographic boundaries of the County of Wellington that are used for the purposes of aggregate resources or gravel pits (the “Aggregate Property Appeals”);

WHEREAS previous assessment methodology valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits (“Aggregate Resource Properties”) at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands;

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all Aggregate Resource Properties;

WHEREAS MPAC, without municipal consultation, determined with the participation of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (the “OSSGA”), revised criteria for assessing Aggregate Resource Properties (the “Revised Valuation Methodology”); and

WHEREAS the Municipality has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the Aggregate Resource Properties;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton hereby supports the Aggregate Property Appeals filed by The Corporation of the County of Wellington;
- (b) That Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of Aggregate Resource Properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and
- (c) That Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton further supports The Corporation of the County of Wellington in its efforts to achieve a fair and equitable assessment system for Aggregate Resource Properties in Ontario.