

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: June 27, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

NAFTA Resolution

WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) governs nearly every aspect of Canada and the United States economic relationship including manufacturing, agriculture, resources industries, and services;

WHEREAS, about 80% of all of Ontario’s exports go to the United States and Ontario is the top trading partner of half of all American States;

WHEREAS, even minor changes to the established trade relationship between Canada and the United States could have significant consequences for workers, consumers, and governments on both sides of the border; and,

WHEREAS, Canada’s and Ontario’s economic future and the continued well-being of communities and their local economies depend on free and fair trading relationships based in current future trade agreements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Ontario municipal governments, represented by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), stand together with the Federal and Ontario governments in their efforts to protect Canadian jobs and local economies;
- (b) That AMO will work with the Province of Ontario to support the interests of municipalities and communities affected by trade disputes and during ongoing trade agreement negotiations;
- (c) That AMO will work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to ensure that Canada understands the municipal impacts affected by trade disputes and during ongoing trade agreement negotiations; and,
- (d) That the City of Hamilton supports AMO’s resolution.