

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee: December 18, 2018

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

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

### **Dispensaries for Recreational Cannabis Retail Sale**

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of Canada has legalized cannabis use for recreational purposes;

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has, through their constitutional authority under the federation of Canada, pursued the legalization of recreational cannabis use in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the social costs have been established by the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Police Services;

WHEREAS, the legalization of cannabis in Ontario will increase revenue significantly to the Province of Ontario;

WHEREAS, nearly half of the City of Hamilton’s operating budget is dedicated to provincially mandated programs, with little or no authority from Council; and,

WHEREAS, a lack of sustainable revenue-sharing from the Province of Ontario related the retail sale of cannabis to municipalities will amplify the regressive downloading crisis in Hamilton;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the City of Hamilton opt out of providing dispensaries for recreational cannabis retail sale, until a sustainable revenue-sharing formula is established between the Province of Ontario and the City of Hamilton.