

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: January 23, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

Timely Notice of Any Discharges of Untreated or Partially Treated Sewerage into Hamilton Harbour from Local Municipal Sewerage Treatment Plants

WHEREAS, the 2016 total Wastewater Treatment Plant bypass numbers for Hamilton were: 10 incidents, 49.28 hours of partially treated sewerage were dumped into Hamilton Harbour with the longest incident being 12.63 hours with the total litres discharged being 432,500,000 litres = 173 Olympic size swimming pools; and,

WHEREAS, the 2017 total Wastewater Treatment Plant bypass numbers for Hamilton were: 20 incidents, 212.12 hours of partially treated sewerage were dumped into Hamilton Harbour with the longest incident being 53.18 hours with the total litres discharged being 2,746,890,000 litres = 1,099 Olympic size swimming pools; and,

WHEREAS, the 2018 total Wastewater Treatment Plant bypass numbers for Hamilton were: 17 incidents, 159.72 hours of partially treated sewerage were dumped into Hamilton Harbour with the longest incident being 35.00 hours with the total litres discharged being 1,868,079,000 litres = 747 Olympic size swimming pools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to provide the Public Works Committee with an annual report on discharges to natural environment from Dundas Sewerage Treatment Plant and Woodward Sewerage Treatment Plant with the reasons, costs of any clean-up; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to develop a public notice protocol for 2019 whereby the City Council and public shall be notified within 24 hours of any discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage into Hamilton Harbour; and,
- (c) That staff be directed to migrate to a public notice protocol for 2020 whereby the City Council shall be notified within 2 hours of any discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage into Hamilton Harbour; and,

- (d) That staff directed to migrate to a public notice protocol for 2020 whereby the public shall be notified within 4 hours of any discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage into Hamilton Harbour.