

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: December 4, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR

Support of Private Member's Bill to Reverse Pit Bull Ban in Ontario

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario banned the ownership of Pit Bulls in 2005;

WHEREAS, opponents of this ban believe this "breed-specific legislation" does not address the root cause of vicious dogs, which is often attributed to the handler or owner of the dog; and,

WHEREAS, a Private Member's Bill introduced into the Ontario Legislature is seeking to reverse the Provincial ban of Pit Bulls.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Province of Ontario to advise of the City of Hamilton's support the Private Member's Bill for the reversal of the Pit Bull ban and changes to the *Dog Owners' Liability Act*; and,
- (b) That Licensing and By-law Services Division be directed to review the feasibility of changes to the Responsible Animal Ownership By-law 12-031 to include professional obedience training for dogs, with the participation of the dog's owner and the feasibility of reduced licensing fees for large working dogs (i.e. Rottweilers and Pit Bulls) to mitigate public safety concerns and report back to the Planning Committee.