

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: May 13, 2020

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L. FERGUSON.....**

**Cannabis Retail Store Authorization Application, 11 Hatton Drive (also referred to as 9 Hatton Drive), Ancaster**

WHEREAS the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has received an application for a Cannabis Retail Store at 11 Hatton Drive in Ancaster and the process is underway;

WHEREAS written submissions can only be made during the 15-day public notice period, and only by a resident of the municipality in which the proposed store is located, or the municipality itself;

WHEREAS 11 Hatton Drive is currently a vacant former variety store in a residential area;

WHEREAS the established residential area where this property is located is densely occupied by a mixture of young families and long-term residents;

WHEREAS 11 Hatton Drive is a location where children gather to wait to cross the street to walk to their elementary schools (both Public and Catholic schools) and school buses pick up children;

WHEREAS the parking lot for this location has always been awkward and poorly situated for making entry and exit dangerous with no sidewalks or delineators;

WHEREAS Ward 12 currently has a Cannabis Retail Store in a mall approximately 2 kilometers away in a commercial district; and

WHEREAS there is plenty of space available in large commercial areas in Ancaster like the Meadowlands, Fortino’s Plaza and Food Basic Plaza.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Hamilton file an official objection to this application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for the following reasons:

- (a) 11 Hatton Drive is a property in the middle of a densely populated residential area that is a destination for children as they attend and return from their elementary schools on foot and by bus and the community is very concerned about the safety of children because of increased traffic in a highly residential area;

- (b) 11 Hatton Drive is surrounded by homes with residents that have lived in their homes since new (1950); and
- (c) 11 Hatton Drive is situated in a small commercial property with apartments on top and a parking lot that is problematic for drivers and walkers.