CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Committee Date: July 9, 2012

MOVED BYB. McHATTIE	
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Enbridge Inc. Pipeline Flow Reversal Project

Whereas Enbridge Inc. has submitted a proposal to reverse the flows of their pipeline from Hamilton to Sarnia (with the Village of Westover in Flamborough being the local hub) so it can carry diluted tar sands bitumen (dilbit) toward the east coast;

And Whereas the Hearing on that application has recently occurred in London;

And Whereas, the change in pipeline flow is being challenged by Environmental Defence, the Pembina Institute and Equiterre, as well as a Cambridge community newspaper;

And Whereas if approved, Enbridge Inc. states that Line 9 will transport between 50,000 and 90,000 barrels per day, but acknowledges that it is capable of carrying "beyond 150,000 bpd";

And Whereas an environmental assessment document by Enbridge Inc. notes the presence of two environmentally-significant areas and a Provincially-significant wetland near the Westover installations, as well as portions of both Spencer Creek and Fairchild Creek:

And Whereas, there have been a number of spills of bitumen from pipeline accidents in recent months throughout Alberta, with the Government of Alberta launching a special inquiry.

Therefore be it resolved:

That staff be directed to investigate the Enbridge Inc. pipeline flow reversal project and the potential impacts on Hamilton, and report back to the General Issues Committee.