



MOTION

Committee Date: November 7, 2012

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Establishment of a Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit

Whereas a 2008 Consultant report recommended that Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' hours of operation "for safety reasons should not exceed 1:00 a.m., at which time responding to noise complaints would become the responsibility of the Police";

And Whereas there have been concerns brought forward by constituents, through Councillors, that the Hamilton Police Service is not providing responsive and timely service with regard to overnight noise complaints.

Therefore it be resolved:

That City staff investigate the practices of other municipalities and, in consultation with the Hamilton Police Service, be directed to investigate and report to the Planning Committee on the feasibility of establishing a specialized enforcement unit, fully equipped and highly trained in self defense and conflict resolution, in order to provide an appropriate level of service to overnight noise complaints.