



**MOTION**

**Committee Date: November 1, 2012**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MERULLA.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

**Re: Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Initiative:**

Whereas, effective January 1, 2013, the Province of Ontario will consolidate five existing housing and homelessness programs to a new Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative;

And Whereas, effective January 1, 2013, the Province of Ontario will eliminate the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit from the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

And Whereas, the Province Of Ontario will provide an allocation of \$15,493,151 in provincial funding for housing and homelessness services and housing supports;

And Whereas, the City of Hamilton currently invests a total of \$3,351,080 in net levy funding towards these same programs;

And Whereas, without the \$3,351,080 in net levy funding, service levels would be reduced with serious consequences to the most vulnerable in the our community;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the effective January 1, 2013, the net levy portion of program costs in the following amounts be restated to the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative:

- (i) \$892,270 from the Emergency Shelter Program
- (ii) \$1,363,800 from the Domiciliary Hostel Program
- (iii) \$138,250 from the Domiciliary Hostel Reinvestment
- (iv) \$96,760 from the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program
- (v) \$860,000 from the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit