

**CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION**

Committee Date: August 12, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Transportation of Dangerous Goods by Rail – Emergency Directive

Whereas the Lac-Mégantic derailment of July 6, 2013 illustrated the devastating and horrific impact that can result from lax safety standards; and

Whereas the Lac-Mégantic tragedy was due in no small part to a train carrying dangerous materials being left unattended; and

Whereas Transportation Canada has since issued an emergency directive requiring that any train carrying dangerous goods requires a minimum of two crew members and no such train shall be left unattended; and

Whereas the emergency directive is set to expire in December, 2013 at which time Transportation Canada has indicated a desire that railways will have developed new permanent rules to reflect the directives;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton fully support Transport Canada’s introduction of the emergency directive placing greater safety measures in place around the rail transportation of dangerous goods;
- (b) That the Federal Government be requested to make this emergency directive binding on all dangerous goods transported via railway through the passage of supporting legislation or regulations prior to the expiration of the emergency directive;
- (c) That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Transportation with copies to all local M.P.’s and M.P.P.’s.