

MOTION

Council Date: September 11, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Emergency Communications and Information Dissemination

Whereas the recent storm event of July 19th identified the need for coordinated inter-agency information sharing; and

Whereas the residents of the City of Hamilton depend on the municipality to play a significant role in the sharing and dissemination of information during an emergency; and

Whereas, in an emergency information should be coordinated in one central location; and

And whereas, the City of Hamilton currently functions in a decentralized communications model;

Therefore be it resolved that:

The City Manager be directed to report back on the feasibility of:

- (a) The City of Hamilton becoming the central repository for all utility and city emergency communications and information dissemination during emergency situations; and
- (b) That a centralized communications structure in an effort to streamline and enhance the City of Hamilton's communications efforts.