

**CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION**

Committee Date: September 16, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L. FERGUSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Future Requests for Lot Severances in the Developed Communities of Old Ancaster

WHEREAS most of old Ancaster has rural cross section with open ditches for drainage rather than storm sewers;

AND WHEREAS most lots in old Ancaster were large to accommodate septic systems before sanitary sewers were installed in the 1970's;

AND WHEREAS there has been a significant change in heavy rain events in recent years;

AND WHEREAS there have been a number of applications to split lots by severance; resulting in an increase in water run off, as pervious surfaces are being covered with additional driveways and roofs, resulting in the faster run off of rain;

AND WHEREAS downstream properties have been at significant risk as overland ditches from storm drainage increases, resulting from this additional run off;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to determine if future requests for lot severances, in the developed communities of old Ancaster, that do not have storm sewers should not be permitted, due to potential downstream flooding, and report to the Public Works Committee.