

**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**MOTION**

**Committee Date: December 4, 2013**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....**

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

**Request for Third Party Audit to Review Impacts of the Province’s Funding of Social Services and the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund**

Whereas the Province of Ontario has just released the 2014 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations (OMPF), and the City of Hamilton is not eligible for any OMPF funding;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario has provided the City of Hamilton with an "Upload Notice" which identifies, base on provincial calculations, the net cumulative benefit received by the City of Hamilton is estimated at \$89 million, up about \$10.3 million from 2013;

And Whereas the City of Hamilton is currently forecasting the 2014 upload benefit at \$3.9 million versus the Province's estimated benefit of \$10.3 million;

And Whereas there is a difference between the Province's reported cumulative benefits up to 2013 of \$78.9 million versus the City of Hamilton Finance staff's reported benefit of only \$11.7 million, resulting in a difference of \$67.2 million;

And Whereas the Municipal Act 2001 requires that all municipalities submit Financial Information Returns (FIRs) that are in compliance with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountant's Public Sector Accounting Board standards.

Therefore be it resolved:

That staff be directed to hire a third party accountant to review the City's audited financial statements and the Province’s audited financial statements and provide an independent analysis and report of the impacts to Hamilton of the Province's changes to the funding of social services and the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).