

CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: June 12, 2013

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8.1 Fulfill the Promise of Homecare

Whereas the number of seniors in Ontario is expected to double by 2031;

And Whereas an action plan is required to meet the needs of an aging population while sustaining Canada's public healthcare system for the next generation;

And Whereas homecare costs less than institutional care and allows people to remain independent and active in the community, with 81 per cent of Ontarians saying they would prefer to receive care at home;

And Whereas homecare makes it possible to fulfill the promise of security as people age, and to pass on a strong, stable public healthcare system to our grandchildren;

And Whereas families want reliable and consistent homecare and need a guarantee that care will be there for them when it is needed;

And Whereas too many families are overstretched, struggling to care for loved ones, and left waiting for care while frontline staff—the heart of our healthcare system—are at the breaking point, without enough hours of care to go round;

And Whereas an action plan is needed to fulfill the promise of homecare;

And Whereas financial support for Fulfilling the Promise of Homecare must come from provincial revenue streams and not those of the City of Hamilton.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Hamilton City Council support the efforts of and work with all levels of government to fulfill the promise of homecare by:

- Cutting waiting lists for homecare;
- Providing relief to family caregivers;

- Guaranteeing security and peace of mind to families by ensuring that every health professional entering their home is trained and qualified;
- Insisting investments in health care go to the front line, not the bottom line;
- Demanding transparency and accountability in the delivery of homecare dollars;
- Protecting the heart of healthcare – frontline staff--- by creating a homecare action plan that attracts and retains personal support workers by offering fair compensation and incentives like retirement security.