

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Board Date: May 16, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FERGUSON.....

Epinephrine Auto Injectors (EAI) – Rotary Club of Ancaster A.M.

WHEREAS A 12 year old, was unaware she had a food allergy, recently lost her life at the food court at Mapleview Mall;

AND WHEREAS she went into anaphylactic shock which restricts breathing and can cause death in two to three minutes;

AND WHEREAS in people with severe allergies, certain foods are the cause of anaphylaxis, a potentially fatal reaction;

AND WHEREAS over the past 15 years, Anaphylaxis Canada estimates are that the occurrence of anaphylaxis from food allergies increases by 18 percent each year;

AND WHEREAS emergency rooms in Canada handle many cases of allergic reactions each year;

AND WHEREAS in the recent years, an increasing number of people have lost their lives in Canada as a result of anaphylactic shock;

AND WHEREAS there are more than 120 foods that can cause allergic reactions, and they come from 8 food categories (shellfish, fish, wheat, soy, milk, eggs, tree nuts including walnuts, almonds, & cashews, and peanuts);

AND WHEREAS about 90 percent of food-related allergic reactions result from these eight food groups;

AND WHEREAS food allergy is a common potentially life-threatening disorder that affects about 6%-8% of children;

AND WHEREAS studies also show that of Canadian children with life-threatening food allergies, more than 30 percent are allergic to more than one food category;

AND WHEREAS a simple quick cure, an injection of epinephrine, (a natural product of the adrenal glands in all humans) can reverse the symptoms within seconds, saving lives;

AND WHEREAS Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EAI) products are readily available on the commercial pharmaceutical marketplace;

AND WHEREAS the Rotary Club of Ancaster A.M. has set a goal to have an Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EAI) in every food court, restaurant, snack bar and fast food facility in Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS Hamilton would be a pilot for other cities across Canada;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to understand how we can achieve this goal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to prepare a report for the Board of Health outlining the following.
 - (i) How we can get the Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EAI) into every food service outlet in Hamilton;
 - (ii) How employees of every food service outlet can be trained to do the auto injections for people suffering from the symptoms;
 - (iii) How EAI kits can be maintained & monitored in every facility;
 - (iv) Provide an approximate cost for full implementation;
- (b) That the Medical Officer of Health report back in September 2013.