CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION

Council date: July 11, 2007

Councillor Bratina, please present your motion respecting a Liquor License application for the establishment known as Charlie West Restaurant.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRATINA...................................................................................

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

Liquor License, Charlie West, 1686 Main Street West (Reference No. 812836)

Whereas, the Charlie West Restaurant has applied for a new 384 seat liquor sale licence at 1686 Main Street West; and,

Whereas, the AGCO shall consider a resolution of Council of the municipality, in which are located the premises for which a person makes an application to sell liquor or holds a licence to sell liquor, as proof of the needs and wishes of the residents of the municipality for the purposes of clause 6 (2) (h) of the Act; and,

Whereas, due to the preponderance of student housing in the area surrounding the restaurant, there have been a greater number of behavioural problems in the neighbourhoods that negatively affect student/permanent resident relations; and,

Whereas, a new student residence housing 450 students is to open immediately above the restaurant, with a second 550 student residence across the street just proposed; and,

Whereas, a recent AGCO decision (AGCO Application #203922) regarding a bar across the street from the Charlie West Restaurant resulted in a liquor license denial, and a two-year moratorium on any new liquor licenses placed on the property [under clause 6 (2) (h)]; in part due to the preponderance of licensed seats in the vicinity, which was found to be not in the “public interest”;

Therefore, Hamilton City Council respectfully requests:

(a) That the AGCO give the public notice and hold a hearing or meeting into the application so as to hear directly from residents on the public interest and their needs and wishes.

(b) That the AGCO provide Hamilton City Council with more time to allow Council to carry out necessary processes before making a decision on a resolution or to receive written submissions directly from residents.