CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION

Council Date: October 13, 2010

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MERULLA.................................

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

WHEREAS, U.S. Steel has been subsidized by the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario and;

WHEREAS, Local 1005 and U.S. Steel are in the midst of negotiations to protect nearly ten thousand pensioners from the termination of indexed pensions and the well-being of the most vulnerable U.S. Steel employees and;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has a vested interest in protecting the integrity of the Province of Ontario Labour laws and the principal of negotiating collective agreements in good faith;

WHEREAS, U.S. Steel has not resumed discussions with Local 1005 since July 7 and unilaterally terminated the indexing of pensions August 1st;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

(a) That the City of Hamilton call on U.S. Steel to restart the Blast Furnace immediately; and stop the Corporate “bullying tactics”.

(b) That the City of Hamilton ask U.S. Steel to restart negotiations with Local 1005 upholding the integrity of Ontario Labour laws, which are based on a presumption of good faith bargaining by both parties;

(c) That if U.S. Steel refuses to resume bargaining in good faith that the City of Hamilton ask the Ontario Labour Board and the Ontario government to intervene to uphold the integrity of Ontario Labour Laws and the underlying principle that both parties in a dispute must negotiate a collective agreement in good faith.