CITY OF HAMILTON  
MOTION

Committee Date: May 16, 2012

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. McHATTIE ..................................................
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ..............................................................

9.1 Investigation of Unemployment Numbers compared to Ontario Works Case Loads

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Ontario, and;

Whereas, the Hamilton poverty rate and Ontario Works caseload remain amongst the highest in Ontario, and;

Whereas, an existing City Council motion asks the Economic Development Department to examine the concept of community economic development (as compared to Hamilton’s local economic development policy direction) and report back to the General Issues Committee (GIC).

Therefore, that the Community Services Department and the Economic Development and Planning Department partner on a report to GIC examining the apparent disconnect between low employment numbers yet high poverty and OW caseload numbers, and provide some critical commentary on possible policy changes to address this conundrum.