CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Committee Date: May 7, 2007

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

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

Speed Limit on Cootes Drive, in the vicinity of McMaster University

Whereas, a recent McMaster University study found that between 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., 3,712 individuals were observed crossing Cootes Drive at the pedestrian traffic light, and that the peak hour of crossing, from noon to 1:00 p.m., had approximately 425 people crossing, and that the study also noted potential conflicts observed, including near accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles, and;

Whereas, there was a pedestrian fatality at this crossing in February 2006, and;

Whereas, the primary issue is pedestrians and cyclists travelling to and from McMaster University who disobey the pedestrian traffic signal indications or who cross Cootes Drive at locations other than at the safe location provided by the traffic signal;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

(a) That the existing 60 km/h speed limit on Cootes Drive, from just south of the overpass at McMaster University to Main Street, be revised to be a full-time 40 km/h speed zone;

(b) That a transition speed zone of 60 km/h be implemented from the north limit of the aforementioned 40 km/h zone to a point approximately 325 metres northerly;

(c) That an appropriate by-law to amend the City of Hamilton Traffic By-law 01-215 be passed and enacted.