CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION

Committee Date: September 19, 2012

MOVED BY ……S. MERULLA…………………………………………………………

SECONDED BY ………………………………………………………………………

Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC) – Establishment of a Gaming Facility

WHEREAS Hamilton City Council, on April 11, 2012, confirmed its support for Flamboro Downs Slots and Race Track as Council’s number one priority and requested the Provincial Government to explore new formulas to keep operations such as Flamboro Downs Slots and Race Track sustainable to the benefit of our community;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC) has identified Gaming Zones as geographic areas where regulated private-sector providers will be allowed to operate a single gaming facility, subject to approvals;

AND WHEREAS the OLGC has identified Hamilton/Burlington as one of the 29 Gaming Zones;

AND WHEREAS inside gaming zones, each operator will be allowed to establish a new facility, operate the current facility, or relocate existing facilities within the boundaries of the zone, subject to relevant approvals, including:

(i) OLGC’s approval of business case;

(ii) Municipal approval from the host municipality for the establishment and operation of a gaming facility in that municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That, should the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation determine that an alternate location within the City of Hamilton, other that the existing Flamboro Downs, be more preferable to the OLGC, the Province be requested to put a moratorium on the selection process of a casino in the Hamilton/Burlington area pending the results of a question being placed on the 2014 Municipal Election Ballot in the City of Hamilton gauging public support.