CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: April 23, 2008

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

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

Re: Federal Heritage Standing Committee Report and Request for a CBC Radio Station in Hamilton

Whereas, the federal Heritage Standing Committee has released its report on the Mandate Review of the CBC, which contains many references to new CBC Radio service for Hamilton, and;

Whereas, the City of Hamilton was the only city to make a presentation to the Heritage Standing Committee during their hearing process, and;

Whereas, for the first time, the Standing Committee has recommended a specific increase in funding for CBC/Radio-Canada, from $33 per capita to $40 per capita, and;

Whereas, the Standing Committee also recommended that "Radio is the best way to ensure affordable local coverage" and said that it supports CBC/Radio-Canada's Radio Plan, and;

Whereas, the Plan recommended the creation of 15 new local stations and production centres to improve local radio service to 8 million Canadians, with four new stations proposed for both BC and southern Ontario, 3 each for Alberta and Quebec, and 1 for Saskatchewan, and;

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has been meeting with CBC Radio for the past four years on acquiring a new station, and;

Whereas, CBC Radio has stated that the city of Hamilton is the number one target for regional expansion in Canada,
Therefore,

a) The City of Hamilton requests that the Government of Canada respond quickly to the Standing Committee's report, and commit the necessary funding to establish a new radio station in Hamilton.

b) That this motion be communicated to all M.P.s