CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION

Committee Date: October 2, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.................................................................

Removal of Correctional Staff from Federal Halfway House in Downtown Hamilton

Whereas Council has, in the past and on various occasions, expressed serious concerns over the issues surrounding the Federal halfway house in downtown Hamilton; and,

Whereas the Federal halfway house has had serious security incidents in the past that may be deemed as a threat to public safety; and,

Whereas this centrally-located facility is known to house dangerous and difficult to manage residents; and,

Whereas Council has a strategic plan that includes, "Council will work for and with the community to improve the safety of all residents" and is "the best place to raise a child"; and,

Whereas to date, little action from the Federal Government has commenced as an answer to address these concerns.

Therefore, be it resolved:

(a) That staff from the City Manager's Office confirm that Public Safety Canada is pulling out all correctional staff from the downtown Federal halfway house;

(b) That if confirmed, representatives from Public Safety Canada be invited to a meeting of the General Issues Committee at the earliest possible date to present their reasoning behind this move and to ensure that they are available to answer questions as to how they will be addressing the issue of public safety in the absence of qualified correctional officers.