To: Chair and Members  
Planning & Economic Development Committee  
Outstanding Business Item No. M and Issue: By-law for Registry of Group Homes  
PED05211

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Re: Registry of Group Homes in the City of Hamilton (City Wide) (PED05211)

**Council Direction:**

The Planning and Economic Development Committee directed staff to report back respecting a Registry of Group Homes.

**Information:**

The Municipal Act authorizes a Municipality to establish and maintain a registry of businesses that are not licensed by the Municipality pursuant to Section 150 of the Act. Group Homes are not licensed by the City of Hamilton as they are regulated by the Ministry of Health.

Staff has consulted with the Health Protection Division of the Public Health and Community Services Department. The Health Protection Division maintains a list of all group homes within the City of Hamilton as provided by the Ministry of Health. The City of Hamilton Public Health Inspectors undertake annual inspections of each group home in the City pursuant to the Health Promotion and Protection Act as mandated by the Ministry of Health.

Although the Municipal Act allows a Municipality to maintain a registry of group homes, it does not permit any regulatory or operational conditions being placed on a group home so registered. Since a list of group homes is already maintained by the Health Protection Division, registry would represent a duplication of effort and is not recommended at this time.

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