CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION

Council Date: May 22, 2013

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

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

Amendment to the Business Appreciation Program

(a) That sub-section (b) of Item 9 of General Issues Committee Report 12-007 respecting Business Appreciation Program (PED12042) approved by Council on March 25, 2012 be amended by deleting the following words from Section C Appreciation of Businesses in the attached Appendix C:

(c)(i) Recognized at commencement of General Issues Committee by Committee

(c)(iii) …or until next General Issues Committee meeting

And replacing with the following words in Section (C) (c) (i):

(c)(i) Recognized at City Council as a formal ceremonial activity

(b) That Appendix “C” attached hereto as amended, be approved.
Proposed Business Appreciation Program

A. Basic Criteria:

(i) The business must reside within the municipal boundaries of the City of Hamilton and possess a municipal address (home based businesses are deemed ineligible)
(ii) It must be a private sector business (not-for-profit enterprises are deemed ineligible)
(iii) There is no restriction on the form of business organization (i.e. sole proprietorship, limited company, incorporated company)
(iv) The business must be in operation for a minimum of five (5) years
(v) It must employ a minimum of five (5) employees
(vi) The business cannot be in tax arrears (municipal)
(vii) The business needs to demonstrate a unique accomplishment in:

- # of years in business
- Growth/expansion of the business
- Job creation
- Innovation and/or Research
- Recognition provincially, nationally and/or internationally
- Contribution to the community

B. Determination of the Businesses:

(i) Each Councillor is permitted to nominate two businesses per year in their Ward (preferably one small business and one medium/large sized business)
(ii) The Mayor is permitted to nominate two businesses per year on a City-wide basis
(iii) The companies will be identified jointly by the Ward Councillor and staff of the Economic Development Division. Recommendations from City staff will be generated through the Corporate Calling Program.

C. Appreciation of Businesses:

(i) Recognized at commencement of General Issues Committee by Committee
(ii) Recognized at City Council as a formal ceremonial activity by the Mayor and respective Ward Councillor
(iii) Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Mayor and respective Ward Councillor
(iv) Company profile on Economic Development Division’s “Invest in Hamilton” website for two weeks or until next General Issues Committee meeting
(v) Year end acknowledgement referencing all recipients recognized in the year in the Hamilton Spectator