

**CITY OF HAMILTON  
MOTION**

**Council Date: September 25, 2013**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....**

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

**Use of Conducted Energy Weapons (Tasers) and Non-Lethal Force by Sworn Officers**

WHEREAS, the Premier for the Province of Ontario recently announced the intention to relax restrictions on the use of conducted energy weapons (CEWs) by municipal police services;

AND WHEREAS, Council will be required to debate the Hamilton Police Services Board budget request with respect to the purchase of CEWs (tasers) and training for increased use by sworn officers;

AND WHEREAS, City Council does not have any background information on Police Services Board policies for CEW use or use of force;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton Police Services (HPS) Board be requested to provide copies of HPS Board policies, for sworn officers use of non-lethal force such as conducted energy weapons (tasers), batons, pepper spray, etc.;
- (b) That Hamilton Police Services (HPS) Board be requested to provide copies of any HPS Board policies directing sworn officers to use de-escalation techniques when apprehending potential assailants;
- (c) That the Mayor correspond with the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, to request copies of any past funding agreements by the Province of Ontario regarding the purchase of conducted energy weapons and training of sworn personnel; and,
- (d) That staff be directed to provide an update of the 2013 first six month Police budget actuals compared to the first 6 months of the 2013 approved police budget at a future General Issues Committee meeting.