MOTION

Committee Date: July 9, 2007

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR McHATTIE...

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ...

Re: Unmanageable Expansion of Liquor License Applications in Ainslie Wood Westdale Surrounding McMaster University

Whereas, undergraduate enrollment at McMaster University has increased exponentially in the past decade, and;

Whereas, the number of licensed seats in the Ainslie Wood Westdale area has increased in a similar vein, with six new liquor license applications in the past three months, and;

Whereas, there has been a significant rise in alcohol-related incidents involving students in the neighbourhoods surrounding McMaster University, and;

Whereas, there are many younger students now attending the University with less experience using alcohol, and;

Whereas, the cities of St. Catharines, Ottawa, and Guelph are implementing planning approaches to specifically address this issue;

Now Therefore, staff is requested to report back with a plan to study this issue with consideration to applying an interim control bylaw (making reference to best practices in other Town and Gown cities including the ones noted above).