CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: October 25, 2006

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCHATTIE

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Reduction of Parkland Dedication Fees for Non-Profit Housing Seniors Housing – 37 Strathcona Ave. N.

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has a 20% poverty rate, and seniors comprise 17% or 15,745 individuals living in poverty, mainly single women, and;

Whereas, seniors comprise a significant percentage of renters in Hamilton, and that percentage is forecasted to rise as noted in the City of Hamilton’s Keys to the Home report, to over 25% of all renter households by 2031, and;

Whereas, there is a strong need for seniors non-profit affordable housing in Hamilton, and;

Whereas, the Hellenic community is one of the first community groups to propose non-profit affordable housing for seniors under the new Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program – Strong Start program, and;

Whereas, the density provisions in Section 3(b) of the Parkland Dedication Bylaw do not differentiate between for-profit and not-for-profit affordable housing, and;

Whereas, City Council provided relief to the Good Shepherd Society for a similar 20 unit building at 143 Wentworth Street South on July 12, 2006,
Therefore Be It Resolved:

(a) That the cash-in-lieu fees payable by the Hellenic Community under the Parkland Dedication Bylaw be $64,484 – a reduction of 50% for their 39 unit seniors non-profit affordable housing development at 37 Strathcona Avenue North, and

b) That staff prepare a policy for the consideration of the Economic Development and Planning Committee for reduction of parkland dedication fees for non-profit affordable housing.