MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCHATTIE......................................................

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

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

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 as per the staff calculation at $128,968 be reduced by 50% to $64,484 for their 39 unit seniors non-profit affordable housing development at 37 Strathcona Avenue North, with funding coming from “Unallocated Capital Reserve Account 108035”, and

b) That staff be asked to review the policy for reduction of parkland dedication fees for non-profit affordable housing.