CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: March 26, 2008

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

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

INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FOR WALKING

Whereas, the International Charter for Walking was developed at the October 2006 International Walk 21 conference, and;

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has made the pedestrian mode of travel a key component of the Master Transportation Plan, and;

Whereas, reducing vehicle trips by promoting a more walkable community cuts down on air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and;

Whereas, making a community more walkable directly addresses our community’s obesity problem and promotes better public health, and;

Whereas, 16 Ontario communities (including Brantford, Niagara, Toronto and Sudbury) have already signed the International Charter for Walking;

Therefore, Be it Resolved

That the Council of the City of Hamilton endorse the “International Charter for Walking” attached hereto, in recognition of the benefits of walking as a key indicator of healthy, efficient, social inclusive and sustainable communities.