CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: December 15, 2010

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA…………………………………………..

Stadium Construction for Pan Am Games

Whereas the problem with the Toronto Pan Am games bid has been fueled by emotion and based on wants rather than needs of our community;

And Whereas the original purpose of the Stadium was to create a legacy for amateur sport and provide a new stadium for the Tiger-Cats;

And Whereas if the Tiger-Cats cannot afford the old stadium how can they afford a new stadium?;

And Whereas the original purpose of the stadium has changed to simply creating a legacy for the for-profit Tiger-Cats and a potential professional soccer team;

And Whereas a capital deficit of tens of millions of dollars prevails in the construction of a new stadium at Longwood Road;

And Whereas the Council of the City of Hamilton's focus must be governed based on the need to focus on priorities that matter such as Manufacturing Jobs, two billion dollar infrastructure deficit, one hundred and forty six million dollar provincial downloading crisis and twenty percent poverty rate;

And Whereas the issue of sustainability for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats is only realistically addressed at Ivor Wynne Stadium and the business challenge of the Tiger-Cats is to fill the nearly thirty thousand seats available to them at a publicly-subsidized Ivor Wynne Stadium;
And Whereas the issue of a new stadium is not the answer to the Tiger-Cats sustainability but rather, the issue of sustainability is addressed in the Tiger-Cats and the CFL providing a product on the field that creates a demand for tickets, thereby creating the necessary revenue to become and remain sustainable;

And Whereas a renovated Ivor Wynne Stadium, at a cost of twenty million dollars over twenty years, as approved by Council in 2007 and a sold-out stadium for all Tiger-Cat home games is the answer and the most prudent initiative for all stakeholders to pursue.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City of Hamilton cease any further action in building a new stadium.