MOVED BY COUNCILLOR  MCHATTIE……………………………………………………

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR…………………………………………………………

Re: Liquor License, Billy Bob’s Bar, 1605 Main Street West, Ward 1

Whereas, Billy Bob’s Bar has applied for a new liquor sale licence exempt from advertising, to re-open its bar at 1605 Main Street West and;

Whereas, the license transfer process does not require any advertising to the public, thereby limiting community comment and involvement, and;

Whereas, under Section 7.1 (1) of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario’s legislation, they shall consider a resolution of Council of the municipality, in which are located the premises for which a person makes an application to sell liquor or holds a licence to sell liquor, as proof of the needs and wishes of the residents of the municipality for the purposes of clause 6 (2) (h) of the Act, and

Whereas, due to the preponderance of student housing in the area surrounding the bar, there have been a greater number of behavioural problems in the neighbourhoods that negatively affect student/permanent resident relations, and

Whereas, Hamilton Police Services have dispatched many calls resulting from disruptions related to Billy Bobs Bar: for January to July, 2004, 55 calls; and from January - July 2005, 47 calls for service;

Whereas, Billy Bob’s liquor license is currently suspended;

Therefore, Hamilton City Council respectfully requests that:

   a) That AGCO give the public notice and hold a hearing or meeting into the application so as to hear directly from residents on the public interest and their needs and wishes;

   b) That AGCO provide Hamilton City Council with more time to allow Council to carry out necessary processes before making a decision on a resolution or to receive written submissions directly from residents.