MOTION

Committee Date: May 7, 2008

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. DUVALL……………………………………………………………………..

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

Resolution to Support Funding and Care Standards for Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario

WHEREAS Long-term Care residents are older, frailer, suffer from dementia or some other form of cognitive impairment and require more complex and hands on care;

WHEREAS Ontario lags behind other jurisdictions in the level of care standards provided to those living in Long-term Care Homes;

WHEREAS there has been chronic under funding in Long-term Care Homes over the past decade; and,

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the City of Hamilton would see an immediate and positive result from an increase investment in direct care;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved

(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, to request that:

   (i) The operating funding for Long-term Care Homes in the province of Ontario be increased by $586 million, or $22.14 per resident per day, in the fiscal year 2008-2009; and,

   (ii) That funding must be increased to support an average of up to 3.5 hours of care per resident per day.

(b) That a copy of this resolution be sent to leaders of all Provincial Parties, local area MPP’s, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Family Councils of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS).