CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Committee Date: January 10, 2010

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

Re: Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010

Whereas the Premier of Ontario has enacted the Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010 (the "Act"), setting a guideline of 0% increase for non-union public sector wages, and;

Whereas the Act does not affect direct municipal workers; and,

Whereas the Premier has informed municipalities that in the case of transfer payment entities, any salary increase above 0% will not be funded by the Province where the Province shares costs (i.e. Ontario Works, Health Services, and Ambulance, etc.; and;

Whereas since the enactment of the above legislation arbitrators have awarded increases above 0% for the essential service employees;

Therefore be it resolved:

(a) That the City of Hamilton petition the Province of Ontario to enact the necessary legislation, or pursue other potential measures, to effectively instruct the Provincial arbitrators to follow the guidelines for wage increases in the Public Sector Wage Restraint Act in the arbitration awards;

(b) That copies of the resolution be circulated to all municipalities having a population of over 50,000 and to AMO.

Presented as Notice of Motion at General Issues Committee on December 15, 2010