CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION

Committee Date: October 2, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. McHATTIE

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee – Establishment of Council Priorities

Whereas, Mayor R. Bratina, Councillor S. Merulla and the City Manager met with area M.P.s and M.P.P.s in early 2013 to discuss Council's Strategic Priorities; and,

Whereas, Council approved direction for a Government Relations Strategy in February 2013, and have expressed interest in playing a role in conjunction with the Mayor and City Manager; and,

Whereas, Council has expressed its priorities through its current Strategic Plan; and.

Whereas, the Government of Ontario expressed its priorities in a May 2013 Throne Speech; and,

Whereas, the Government of Canada will be expressing its priorities in an October 16, 2013 Throne Speech; and,

Whereas, there is one year left in this Council’s mandate, creating a sense of urgency.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

(a) That a special meeting of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee be called as soon as possible to prepare recommendations on Council priorities in order to engage the Provincial and Federal Governments, and to begin organizing a Hamilton Day at Queen’s Park in November 2013, and a plan to join the FCM advocacy days in Ottawa at the end of November 2013;

(b) That a special General Issues Committee meeting be established to review and finalize the Fairness to Hamilton Committee recommendations, keeping in mind the need to act in November 2013;

(c) That in order to engage all of Council, that each Councillor be requested to express their interest and expertise in one or more Council priorities to the Mayor and City Manager by October 25, 2013.

Introduced as Notice of Motion
at September 18, 2013 GIC Meeting