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Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on February 10, 2016, approved Item 9 of Planning Committee Report 16-002 which reads as follows:

Moved by: Councillor Matthew Green
Seconded by: Councillor Jason Farr

9. Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Legislation

Whereas, on July 10th 2008 Hamilton City Council approved staff recommendations to support the Ottawa City Council resolution <http://www2.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/F2293672-7D0B-4A01-9E4D-6636A59B5B07/0/Jul07PED08152.pdf> ; and

Whereas, a number of Provinces have passed Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Acts; and

Whereas, these Acts provide for the investigation by a Provincial body of public complaints about properties where criminal activities take place which adversely affects the neighbourhood, and

Whereas, the Provincial body may, on the basis of its investigation, apply to a Court for an order enjoining the activities and/or closing a property for a period of time; and

Whereas, the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Bill 106 was introduced by the 1st session of the 39th parliament http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2064, and carried over by prorogation in 2010 into the 2nd session of the 39th parliament as a private members bill put forward by Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Yasir Naqvi;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That Council reaffirm its support for the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* and send correspondence to the Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services the Honourable Yasir Naqvi requesting that the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* be reintroduced as legislation with the provision that the Province adopt Manitoba's Public Safety Investigation Unit and all related costs;
- (b) That correspondence be sent to all municipalities in Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) notifying these parties of Council's position on the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*.