

July 12, 2005

Notice of Motion

Free Parking for Canadian Veterans

WHEREAS the Honourable Albina Guarnieri, Minister of Veterans Affairs did, on the 5th day of November, 2004, declare that 2005 shall be the “Year of the Veteran” in honour of those who served this country and in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War; and,

WHEREAS the Honourable Harindar Takhar, Minister of Transportation did, on the 23rd day of December, 2003, present the first graphic “Veteran Licence Plate” to a veteran of the Second World War; and,

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation continues to issue said Veteran Licence Plates to eligible Ontarians who served or are serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Allied Forces, the Merchant Navy or the Ferry Command; and,

WHEREAS it is appropriate that the City of Toronto demonstrate its support of Canadian Veterans and further honour those who served and who continue to serve their Country; and,

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has already taken the initiative to pass By-Law no. 05-157 which amends the by-laws relating to on-street parking and municipal parking facilities to allow free parking for Veterans within its municipal boundaries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, during permitted hours, all vehicles bearing a valid Ontario Veteran Licence Plate be exempted from standard parking fees at all on-street parking meters and in municipally operated parking facilities for the duration of 2005; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate traffic by-law be amended and City Staff take appropriate action to give effect to the foregoing; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code be waived to permit introduction and debate of this Notice of Motion at the meeting of Council to be held on July 19, 2005.

Moved by: Councillor Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Jenkins