



**MOTION**

**Committee Date: January 15, 2008**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ...McHattie.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

**Review of Potential for a Hamilton Natural Areas Protection Fund**

Whereas, other municipalities such as Halton, Niagara and York have established municipal natural areas protection funds, and;

Whereas, there is an on-going need to protect natural areas such as wetlands and forests that provide important ecosystem services to Hamilton such as water storage and filtration, carbon storage, air purification, and biodiversity protection, and

Whereas, the establishment of a natural areas protection fund may provide the City with an opportunity to leverage funds from non-governmental organizations such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Now Therefore Staff be directed to research different municipal models for establishment of a Hamilton Natural Areas Protection Fund and report back to the Economic Development and Planning Committee.