

- (8) Moved by Councillor Schmolka  
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

**WHEREAS** Ontario's Ministry of the Environment has posted a Notice of Proposal for Regulation on the Environmental Registry, EBR Registry Number RA06E0024, and the deadline to provide comments on this Notice is February 4, 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** this Notice proposes a time-limited ban on the incineration of tires anywhere in Ontario except where the Ministry has already issued an approval to burn tires;

**AND WHEREAS** the Notice states that:

*"No facility in Ontario incinerates tires, including those with approval to do so for use as a replacement fuel in a manufacturing process. As a result, MOE has had no experience monitoring the environmental performance of facilities that incinerate tires.*

*The purpose of the proposed time-limited ban is to allow for the collection of information confirming the environmental performance of facilities using tires as fuel. If a ban is introduced, MOE will not issue any new approvals for the incineration of tires (including for use as fuel) until this information has been obtained."*

**WHEREAS** the Lafarge North America (Bath Plant) received, on December 21, 2006, Ministry of Environment approval to burn tires at its facility for a test period; and,

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment clearly intends to use the information from this tire burning to the west of Kingston as a way to gather information about the environmental performance of the facility and environmental impacts; and,

**WHEREAS** this experiment may put the health of Kingston citizens and its environment at risk;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The City Clerk be directed to reply to the EBR Notice, by February 4, 2007, stating that the City of Kingston:

- supports the ban on tire burning in Ontario
- requests that the ban apply to all facilities in Ontario, including facilities to which the Ministry of Environment has given approval for tire burning, and
- requests that information about environmental performance and environmental impacts be gathered from research scientists and from sources outside Ontario where tire burning is permitted, and not from a facility operating next door to our municipality.

**CARRIED**