

NOTICE OF MOTION

**Support for the Efforts of the Undocumented Workers Committee**

**Moved by:** Councillor Giambrone

**Seconded by:** Mayor Miller

“**WHEREAS** Toronto City Council recognizes there are thousands of hard working, tax paying immigrants in the City of Toronto who have no government documentation; and

**WHEREAS** there is a shortage of labour in the construction sector; and

**WHEREAS** many of these undocumented workers in the City of Toronto who work in the construction sector have no health and safety protection; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Government recognizes that foreign workers make a significant contribution to Canada’s economic development by helping to address skill shortages and teaching Canadians high-demand qualifications; and

**WHEREAS** it is understood that as a general rule, foreign workers must have an approved job offer and a work permit before arriving in Canada, and that once they have received their approved job offer, they must apply for a work permit; and

**WHEREAS** every year, millions of people embark on a migratory journey, many of whom leave their country to seek a better future for themselves and for their families; and

**WHEREAS** international social, economic and political conditions have a direct impact on Canada’s Citizenship and Immigration programs and policies; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Citizenship and Immigration is committed to reaping the maximum benefits of international migration and to making Canada a destination of choice for immigrants; and

**WHEREAS** two of the *Immigration Refugee Protection Act’s* objectives that underscore the immigration program are:

- (1) supporting the settlement, adaptation and integration of newcomers into Canadian society; and
- (2) managing access to Canada with a fair and effective enforcement strategy;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Toronto City Council expresses its support for the many thousands of undocumented workers currently living and working in the City of Toronto;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Toronto City Council expresses support for the efforts of the Undocumented Workers Committee to reach a fair and equitable resolution;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Toronto City Council direct the City Clerk to write to the Federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration expressing its desire to see the cases of undocumented workers be addressed in a timely, fair and equitable manner.”

February 1, 2005

According to Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code, the foregoing Notice of Motion:

Notice was previously given	(v)
Meets Municipal Code provisions and only requires a simple majority to introduce and debate	
Requires two-thirds to waive notice	
Requires two-thirds to re-open	
Fiscal Impact Statement provided	*
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate	*
Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	
Should be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee	(v)
Requires two-thirds to waive referral if Council wishes to debate	
Recommendations are time sensitive	

\* Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to advise.

***Note: Notice of this Motion was given at the regular meeting of City Council held on November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004.***