

Authority: General Government Committee Item GG23.1,  
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on July 23 and 24,  
2025  
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on July 24,  
2025  
Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral  
Decision 11-2025 dated July 24, 2025

## **CITY OF TORONTO**

### **BY-LAW 739-2025**

**To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 71, Financial Control to enable sub-delegation of commitment authority by the City Manager.**

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 71, Financial Control is amended as follows:

(A) deleting the definition of “Commitment” and replacing it with the below:

COMMITMENT - A contractual obligation for the purchase of goods, services or construction, including the execution of any document evidencing the obligation.

(B) deleting § 71-11 Spending Authorities in its entirety and replacing it with the below:

#### § 71-11. Commitment authorities

- A. A Commitment of more than \$30 million requires Council approval as required by Chapter 195, Procurement, before expenditures may be made.
- B. The City Manager may make a Commitment of not more than \$30 million in any one instance, if the purchasing procedures in Chapter 195, Procurement, have been followed and cash flow funding has been provided in the interim operating budget, operating budget or capital budget or pursuant to § 71-19 to the satisfaction of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
- C. The City Manager may delegate commitment authority in any amount within the limit of \$30 million.
- D. (1) Despite Subsection C, the City Manager may not delegate commitment authority to the following officials:
  - (a) The Auditor General;
  - (b) The Integrity Commissioner;
  - (c) The Ombudsman; and

- (d) The Lobbyist Registrar.
- (2) If the purchasing procedures in Chapter 195, Procurement, have been followed and cash flow funding has been provided in the interim operating budget, operating budget or capital budget to the satisfaction of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the following officials may make commitments of not more than \$500,000 in any one instance:
  - (a) The Auditor General;
  - (b) The Integrity Commissioner;
  - (c) The Ombudsman; and
  - (d) The Lobbyist Registrar.
- (C) deleting § 71-18 Divisional Signing Authorities in its entirety and replacing it with the below:

§ 71-18. Delegation of Commitment Authority Policy.

The City shall formulate and maintain a corporate Delegation of Commitment Authority Policy, approved by the City Manager, which outlines the administrative requirements to ensure strong internal controls for accountability, auditability, and segregation of duties.

2. This by-law shall come into force on October 1, 2025.

Enacted and passed on July 24, 2025.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,  
City Clerk

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