

February 15, 2007

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

City Council on February 5 to 8, 2007, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

### **M3 Designation of City of Toronto Wards**

*Moved by Councillor Moscoe, seconded by Councillor De Baeremaeker*

#### **SUMMARY:**

The City of Toronto wards have been designated by numbers, primarily because provincial legislation would not permit the official use of names.

The City of Toronto Act now allows Council the determination of how wards may be designated. This City has grown up around original settlements whose names are woven into the fabric of our urban environment. In the past, Council has expressed a desire to replace ward numbers with names that reflect the settlement and past political history and geography of our neighbourhoods.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That Council formally determine that ward numbers will be replaced with names.
2. That this matter be referred to the Executive Committee with a request that they establish a process for naming each of the wards.
3. That the process include solicitation of potential names for each ward from Councillors and the general public.
4. That at least one public hearing is held at the Community Council level.
5. That a recommended list of names be presented for adoption by Council.
6. That the final list of names, adopted by Council, replace all ward numbers wherever they are currently used.

for City Clerk

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