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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on June 19, 20 and 22, 2007, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

M71 Municipal Election 2006 - Review of Financial Filings by Members of City of Toronto Council

Moved by Councillor Holyday, seconded by Councillor Del Grande

SUMMARY:

City Council at its meeting of September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004, considered the recommendations of the Toronto Election Finance Review Task Force. As a result of these deliberations, Council recommended the following:

"That should the Province fail to enact the appropriate changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 prior to the 2006 election, the Auditor General, as part of his 2006/2007 work plan, review the financial statements filed by Members of Council after the 2006 election and report to Council, through the Audit Committee, on any other irregularities or inconsistencies contained therein."

In accordance with Council's directive, this review was included in the Auditor General's 2007 work plan. Although the directive stated that the report should be directed to Council through the Audit Committee, one of the possible outcomes of the results of the review is that a compliance audit of a candidate's financial filing could be requested. The deadline for requesting a compliance audit is July 2, 2007. It was not possible to complete the review, submit the report to the Audit Committee and have it before Council to meet this deadline, therefore, we are submitting the Auditor General's report through this Motion Without Notice.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. City Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached report dated June 14, 2007 from the Auditor General.

for City Clerk

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Attachments