

October 2, 2007

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on September 26 and 27, 2007, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

M125 Leave of Absence to Run for Provincial or Federal Office
Moved by Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Del Grande

SUMMARY:

At both the Provincial and Federal level, politicians wishing to run in an election to seek another office must resign from their positions before filing their nomination papers. There is no such provision for politicians at the municipal level.

Since amalgamation, at least 12 Councillors have run for either Provincial or Federal office. Of these Councillors, 2 resigned and 8 took a leave of absence, without pay, while campaigning.

Given the time demands required to run a credible election campaign, Councillors should be required to take a leave of absence, without pay, while they are actively seeking another position.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That City Council request that the Province amend the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to require Members of Council to take a leave of absence, without pay, should they choose to become a candidate for Provincial or Federal office.

for City Clerk

M. Toft/cd