

NOTICE OF MOTION**Reduction of City Council**

Moved by: Councillor Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Nunziata

SUMMARY:

On June 12, 2006, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario gave Royal Assent to the new City of Toronto Act, 2006.

Under Part IV of the Act - The City and Its Governance, the City of Toronto is authorized to make changes to its governance structure, including changes to its Wards and changes to the size and composition of City Council as follows:

“Changes to Wards

Section 128. (1) Without limiting sections 7 and 8, those sections authorize the City to divide or re-divide the City into wards or to dissolve the existing wards.”

“Changes to City Council

Section 135. (1) Without limiting sections 7 and 8, those sections authorize the City to change the composition of City Council.”

The senior levels of government both have 23 Members (previously 22 prior to the creation of the Pickering-Scarborough East riding) within the geographical boundaries of the City.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council approve, in principle, the objective of reducing Council to 23 Members for the next Municipal election in 2010.

2. That City Council approve the 22 Wards as follows:

Etobicoke North
 Etobicoke Centre
 Etobicoke Lakeshore
 York West
 York Centre
 York South – Weston
 Parkdale – High Park
 Eglinton – Lawrence
 Davenport
 Trinity – Spadina
 St. Paul’s
 Willowdale
 Don Valley West
 Toronto Centre
 Toronto Danforth
 Beaches – East York
 Don Valley East
 Scarborough Southwest
 Scarborough Centre
 Scarborough Agincourt
 Scarborough Rouge River
 Scarborough East

3. That the City Manager be requested to report to the May 26, 2008 City Council meeting with a timeline for a public consultation process on the Council reduction plan.
4. That the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be requested to report to the May 26, 2008 Council meeting on the potential cost savings of reducing Council to 23 Members.

March 3, 2008

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Notice given	(√)
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 Executive Committee Requires two-thirds vote to consider at this meeting	(√)
Motion Recommendations are Urgent	

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.