

May 5, 2008

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on April 28 and 29, 2008, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

M20.10 Implementation of Fiscal Review Panel Recommendation Regarding the Reform of Governance Structures
Moved by Councillor Stintz, seconded by Councillor Shiner

SUMMARY:

In October 2007, as part of the compromise reached for the implementation of the Land Transfer Tax and Vehicle Registration Tax, Mayor David Miller commissioned an independent Fiscal Review Panel to investigate the operations of the City and report back in February 2008.

One of the key recommendations of the Panel is to reform governance structure and processes. More specifically, "The Mayor and Council change the governance structure of the City by adopting the recommendations and principles on governance in the recent Governing Toronto Advisory Panel report, including, but not limited to:

- The Mayor should have the power to direct, appoint, and dismiss the City Manager.
- There should be an assigned professional staff working for the Mayor and Executive Committee.
- Members of the Executive Committee should receive extra remuneration.
- The Mayor and the Executive Committee should set and communicate clear and focused priorities for the term of office.
- The Mayor and the Executive Committee, supported by Council, should set the overarching vision and strategy and hold management responsible and accountable for implementation."

Mayor David Miller has indicated interest in implementing this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, during the April 2008 session of City Council, Mayor David Miller apprise City Council as to how this recommendation will be implemented.

for City Clerk

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