

Ref: 2008-25-IA25.1

November 4, 2008

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on October 29 and 30, 2008, referred the Administrative Inquiry (October 16, 2008) from Councillor Karen Stintz, Ward 16, Eglinton-Lawrence (IA25.1), entitled "Increased Powers of the Office of the Mayor", and the Answer (October 29, 2008) from Mayor David Miller (IA25.1a), to the Executive Committee.

for City Clerk

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Attachments

INQUIRY OF THE MAYOR

From: Councillor Karen Stintz
To: Mayor – David Miller
Date: October 16, 2008
Re: Increased Powers of the Office of The Mayor

Dear Mayor Miller:

Over the past year there has been discussion and debate at both City Council and Executive Committee about increasing the powers of the Mayor's office. This matter has important impacts on the future governance of the City of Toronto.

Increasing the powers of the Mayor's office has been discussed since the release of the Fiscal Review Panel's report in February earlier this year. While you have not taken a formal position on the recommendation, you have assumed the powers that were outlined in the Report. Several motions requesting further discussion on this matter were referred to your office during the June 3rd, 2008 meeting of the Executive Committee. Under our Procedures By-Law (Section 27-78 D, Subsection 3), unless otherwise indicated, these motions are required to be revisited three months from their time of referral. Increasing the powers of the Mayor requires checks and balances and a redefined role for Council. Please indicate exactly when this will be brought to City Council for discussion.

Sincerely,

Karen Stintz
City Councillor, Ward 16

October 27, 2008

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor Karen Stintz
From: Mayor David Miller
Re: Increased Powers of The Office of The Mayor

I acknowledge receipt of your inquiry of October 16, 2008.

The authority of my office is set out in the City of Toronto Act and the Toronto Municipal Code. I act, and will continue to act, in accordance with that legislation.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Mayor David Miller