

REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

Personal Vehicle Tax Refund

Date:	January 29, 2009
To:	Executive Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All

City Council Decision

City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009, referred Motion MM30.8 to the Executive Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Del Grande, seconded by Councillor Palacio, recommends:

- 1. That City Council amend Section 13 of Municipal Code Chapter 765 "Taxation, Personal Vehicle Tax", to add that the City shall refund the pro-rated portion of the Personal Vehicle Tax to those who surrender their licence plates before the end of the renewal period.
- 2. That the City Solicitor submit the necessary bill to give effect to this amendment.

Summary

This motion asks that the Personal Vehicle Tax (PVT) align itself with the practices and policies of the Annual Ontario Vehicle Validation Sticker Renewal.

The reason for this motion is to address an inequality of the City's PVT with the Ontario Licence Renewal.

Effective September 1, 2008, residents of the City of Toronto who own or lease a personal vehicle need to pay PVT at the time they renew their licence plate. If residents pay for a two-year term, they pay \$120.00 in PVT, as well as the fees for two-year validation renewal to the Ontario government.

If, for example, residents surrender their plates before the licence validation expiry date, they get a pro-rated refund from the Province, but nothing from the PVT payment.

This practice is unfair and should be corrected. We should have a seamless approach that coincides with the Province's procedures.

(Submitted to City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009 as MM30.8)