
City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

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Waive Litigation Cost Request on Community and Resident Public Interest Groups at Public Tribunals - Moved by Councillor Del Grande, seconded by Councillor Palacio

- Notice of this Motion has been given.*
- This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

1. That the City Solicitor be requested to report to Council, through the Executive Committee, with respect to the City's policy on seeking litigation costs against community and resident public interest groups, after the City has successfully won the decision in public third-party tribunals.
2. That the City not request such litigation costs from these groups.

Summary

The purpose of this motion is to ask the City not to request litigation awards of cost against community and resident public interest groups, when the two parties enter into disputes which are resolved in public tribunals.

Community groups and resident organizations provide significant contributions to the City's policy development. They represent their community in public interest. Occasionally, the City enters into disputes and disagreements with these groups and/or individuals, which require decisions by third party tribunals. In order to promote civic involvement in our political process, the City should not request the other party to pay the City's litigation costs, after the City has successfully defended its positions.

On November 28, 2008, Ottawa City Councillor Rick Chiarelli introduced a similar motion to protect community groups and resident organizations.

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