

**Directions Related to the Proposal to Establish
an Office of Independent Counsel**

At its meeting on March 1, 2010, the Executive Committee approved a Notice of Motion for consideration by City Council at its meeting on March 31 and April 1, 2010. The motion recommends that:

“City Council establish the Office of Independent Counsel and that the terms of reference for the office be:

- a. To represent the interests of Members of Council both collectively and individually in matters related to their function as elected representatives and members of Toronto Council.
- b. To advocate for the interests of Council and Members of Council in matters related to their rights as elected representatives in dealing with, but not limited to, the public, the media, agencies, boards and commissions, external organizations, other orders of government and their agencies and the City of Toronto.
- c. To report directly to Council.
- d. To receive support as required from the City Manager in consultation with the Mayor and the Clerk.

That the Mayor in consultation with the City Manager, City Solicitor and Treasurer report directly to Council on the anticipated staffing and budget required to support the office of independent Council.

The initial budget for the establishment of this office be taken from the current budget of the City Solicitor and various legal reserves with a view to establishing a discrete budget for this function in the 2012 budget.

The Office be up and running no later than May of 2010 and if necessary, until such time as it is fully functional, the City Manager in consultation with the Mayor provide for outside legal representation and temporary office assistance.”