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Motion without Notice

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| MM49.22 | ACTION | | | Ward: All |
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The Next Chief Planner and the Future of Planning in Toronto - by Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Rae

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Rae, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to report the Executive Committee on the strategy for the recruitment of a new Chief Planner, the process for the review of the Official Plan, and options for a for new administrative structure that would allow for the Chief Planner to report directly to City Council.

Summary

Within the year the City of Toronto will be undertaking the following processes:

1. The Official Plan Review will commence;
2. A new Harmonized by-law will be enacted;
3. The tall building guidelines and avenues report will be considered; and
4. The Design Review Boundaries will be re-drawn.

The appointment of a new Chief Planner should be considered as part of a comprehensive review of the City’s planning functions, including its administrative practices, budget allocation, and reporting relationship to City Council. The role of the Chief Planner and City Planning Division in achieving economic and social prosperity for all the citizens of Toronto must be a significant component of this review. This review of the planning process must be a city-wide process which includes a significant engagement process involving the public, neighbourhood groups and industry stakeholders.

No longer can Toronto’s planning system have a focus solely upon land use. A new planning regime will pay attention to the daily lived experiences of Torontonians while proposing a narrative for an inclusive, creative, sustainable and prosperous city in built form. It must seek to imagine a city for our children and their future.

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