



## REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

### Preventing and Addressing Human Trafficking

<b>Date:</b>	April 16, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Executive Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Council
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards

### City Council Decision

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City Council on April 10 and 11, 2012, referred Motion MM22.9 to the Executive Committee.

### Recommendations

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Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager investigate the problem of human trafficking in Toronto and provide a report to Council including, recommendations to:
  - a. strengthen protection of vulnerable women and children from human traffickers;
  - b. improve services available to rehabilitate victims of human trafficking; and
  - c. reduce human trafficking in the City of Toronto.

### Summary

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Human trafficking is now the second-largest organized crime worldwide and the black market in human trade is worth \$32 billion annually, more than Google, Nike and Starbucks combined. Hundreds of Canadian women and children are lured into prostitution daily, and victims are trafficked across Canada. Recent media attention has been given to a case involving human trafficking in labourers, demonstrating the importance of addressing and understanding this issue.

Toronto serves as a major hub for trafficking across the country, though the extent of human trafficking in the City is not as well known as it should be. Understanding how human trafficking is taking place is critical so that the City of Toronto can work to address this complex issue.

(Submitted to City Council on April 10 and 11, 2012 as MM22.9)