
City Council

Motion without Notice

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Request for a report on Possible Actions that can be taken to exploring ways and means to deal with threats of Violence, Intimidation and Hate on Social Media - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to report to the Executive Committee on any possible measures that might be taken by the City of Toronto or other levels of Government and various institutions like the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to stem the growing role that social media platforms and servers have in profiling violence, hatred and intimidation that affect at-risk and vulnerable communities.

Summary

The Lawrence Heights community continues to experience high rates of crime, and social media is one of the tools being used to perpetuate these acts of violence in the community. Governments should take a lead on helping to draw the line between prohibited and allowable content on social media platforms in an effort to make our communities safer.

The purpose of this Motion is to explore all means possible on how young people, especially in our vulnerable communities, can be better protected from the continual harassment, threats, and hate speech that is being perpetrated 24/7 on

various social media platforms.

Secondly, this Motion will recommend certain legislative or regulatory steps that might be taken to make social media platforms and their corporate owners more accountable for what they allow on their platforms that may lead to acts of violence.

Background Information (City Council)

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