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MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

City-wide Strategy to Retain and Create Cultural Space through the Development Approval Process

Moved by: **Councillor Vaughan**

Seconded by: **Councillor Mihevc**

SUMMARY:

In January 2008, City Council adopted the Agenda for Prosperity. The plan presents an achievable vision for growing the City's long-term prosperity and positions Toronto as a leading global City of the 21st century.

The report laid out an action plan to:

- forge a culture of partnership;
- achieve sustainable economic growth; and
- enhance liveability and social well-being, environmental stewardship and opportunity through a strong economy and employment growth.

Pillar 3 of the Agenda for Prosperity, titled “Creative Toronto: Productivity and Growth”, is a mandate to anchor and expand strategic industry sectors through increased competition and collaboration.

In keeping with this mandate, Toronto should review the existing planning and development processes and create a template to make possible partnerships with developers and the cultural sector to create and sustain space for creative workers in our City.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the City Manager co-ordinate a process with staff from Planning, Culture, Economic Development, Legal and Finance and report back to Executive Committee in September 2008 on a City-wide strategy to retain existing cultural space and create affordable and sustainable new cultural space through the development approval process.

July 15, 2008

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	*
Is before Council for debate	(v)
Chair agrees that the Motion Recommendations are **Urgent**	(v)

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.