City Council

Motion without Notice

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Revisions to Composition of the Committee of Adjustment North York Panel and Appointments - by Councillor John Parker, seconded by **Councillor Jaye Robinson**

- * 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.

Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Committee of Adjustment North York Panel

Recommendations

Councillor John Parker, seconded by Councillor Jave Robinson, recommends that:

- 1. City Council amend the composition of the Committee of Adjustment by increasing the number of members on the North York Panel from 5 to 8.
- 2. City Council appoint the three individuals listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to this Motion, previously identified as alternates for consideration in the event of a vacancy on the North York Panel, to the North York Panel of the Committee of Adjustment for a term of office ending on November 30, 2014 and until successors are appointed.
- 3. City Council stipulate that a maximum of five panel members may participate in any one meeting of the North York Panel of the Committee of Adjustment.
- City Council authorize and direct the City Solicitor to introduce any necessary bills 4. needed to give effect to the amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 4 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.

Summary

City Council at its October 24 and 25, 2011 adopted Civic Appointments Committee Item CA11.4, as amended. City Council changed the composition of the Committee of Adjustment by reducing the number of North York panels from two panels of 5 members each to one panel of 5 members. Council subsequently appointed members to all the panels of the Committee of Adjustment.

Although the single panel for the North York Committee of Adjustment appears to be working well, there remains a serious backlog of cases. The addition of members would allow staff to schedule double meetings (with a minimum of three members per panel) on those days when staff have processed enough applications to fill two agendas.

In addition, the appointment of additional members would allow for a reserve to fill in gaps caused by vacations. This Motion would allow the backlog problem to be dealt with immediately.

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