



REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

Endorsing the peaceful protests of the Occupy Toronto Movement

Date:	October 28, 2011
To:	Executive Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All

City Council Decision

City Council on October 24 and 25, 2011, referred Motion MM13.2 to the Executive Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse the peaceful protests of the Occupy Toronto movement.

Summary

Torontonians, like citizens around the world, are suffering from a continuing economic crisis that threatens our fiscal stability and our quality of life. On Saturday, October 15, 2011, "Occupy Toronto" started a peaceful protest that continues through this day, and more than a hundred additional "Occupy" protests have taken root around the world.

The protest in Liberty Plaza called "Occupy Wall Street" released its first official Resolution on September 30, 2011, providing an overview of the goals and unifying principles of the "Occupy" movement. The "Occupy" demonstrations are a rapidly growing movement with the shared goal of urging people to peacefully assemble and occupy public space in order to create a shared dialogue by which to address the problems and generate solutions for an economically distressed world.

Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of Canada, recently called the occupy movement "a democratic expression of views" and "entirely constructive".

(Submitted to City Council on October 24 and 25, 2011 as MM13.2)