

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM25.23	ACTION			Ward:All
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Ammunition Control - by Councillor Adam Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Communications MM25.23.1 and MM25.23.2 have been submitted on this Item

Recommendations

Councillor Adam Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Acting Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report to the January 2013 meeting of the Planning and Growth Management Committee, with draft options for a zoning by-law amendment that would have the effect of the City of Toronto regulating, within its borders, the sale, storage, and use of ammunition for firearms, with the exception of ammunition that is stored or used by the Canadian Forces, a police force, or other entity that is authorized to store or use ammunition in connection with a legal obligation imposed by the municipal, provincial or federal government.
2. City Council request the City Solicitor, in consultation with the City Manager and the Chief of Police, to report on the findings of their review of the powers under the licensing provisions of the *City of Toronto Act* to regulate/and or limit the sale of ammunition, similar to the regulations implemented for fireworks.
3. City Council request the City Solicitor, in consultation with the City Manager and the Chief of Police, to conduct a review of existing municipal initiatives in Canada that have as their aim the reduction and/or regulation in the sale, storage, and use of ammunition and to identify possible regulatory options that may be pursued by the City of Toronto in this regard.
4. City Council request that the City Solicitor present City Council with a comprehensive legal opinion and analysis of the legislative tools available to Council to regulate the sale, storage and use of ammunition with the City's borders.

Summary

Over the past 8 years, City Council has taken a number of actions to address gun violence in

our city. In particular, as part of the “Making a Safe City Safer” initiative, City Council has: strengthened innovative prevention programs, engaged in an active national advocacy campaign seeking a ban on handguns, established a policy that deems the promotion of firearms use as unacceptable at City owned facilities, and employed its land use regulatory authority in order to reduce the availability and use of handguns.

Notwithstanding these efforts by City Council, other orders of government charged with primary responsibility for public safety and firearms regulation have not furthered our efforts. In fact, some steps have been taken, particularly by the federal government, which have hampered efforts to reduce the availability, use, and detection of firearms.

There are many matters of public health, safety and security where there are precedents for all orders of government to play a role in regulating use. For example, the use, sale, storage and advertising of both Tobacco and Alcohol are governed by regulations from all three orders of government in Canada.

Ammunition (cartridges, shot shells, or similar devices containing a projectile) significantly increases the danger posed by firearms – whether handguns, long guns or other restricted weapons.

In connection with its legislative duty to address matters that relate to the health, safety, and well-being of persons, the City of Toronto should examine what options are available for it to prevent the significant threat and damage to the health, safety, and well-being of Toronto residents that can arise from the availability and use of ammunition.

In regulating the use of land through its Official Plan and Zoning By-law, City Council is obligated to have regard to principles of the *Planning Act*, including the development of safe and healthy communities and the protection of public health and safety.

(Submitted to City Council on July 11 and 12, 2012 as MM25.23)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM25.23

Communications (City Council)

(July 4, 2012) E-mail from Brendan Christie (MM.Main.MM25.23.1)

(July 4, 2012) E-mail from Brendan Cote (MM.Main.MM25.23.2)