

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.3	ACTION			Ward:All
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Timelines for the processing of building permit applications - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Building Official to report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee regarding acceptable timelines for the processing of various categories of building permit applications, such report to include recommendations for additional funding if required to meet the timelines.

Summary

A large number of residents and builders in the North District have expressed concern over the amount of time it takes to obtain reviews or approvals from the Building Division. Staff of the North District do their jobs diligently and efficiently. The problem appears to be lack of staff to complete the work in an acceptable time frame. As the Building Division is able to operate on a full cost recovery basis, there appears to be no reason why the City should not ensure that there is an adequate number of staff to complete the necessary tasks. In Ward 23, the City receives few if any complaints regarding building permit fees; it does however, receive a large number of complaints about delays and the resulting increased construction and carrying costs.

(Submitted to City Council on November 27 and 28, 2012 as MM28.3)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM28.3

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-52317.pdf>