

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Resources to enhance compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

** 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.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Manager, to report to the Budget Committee for consideration with the 2014 Operating Budget process on supports that are available and provided to Members of Council to allow them to comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, such report to include a recommended central funding source for meeting accessibility requirements.

Summary

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) provides for standards for accessibility related to goods, services, employment, accommodation and buildings. The City of Toronto, through the City Manager, has developed a multi-year plan on strategies to comply with AODA's already-released integrated standards on customer service, information and communications, employment and transportation, and the yet-to-be released standards for the Built Environment.

Elected officials work closely with their communities and constituents. As the representative of local government in their wards and in City-wide initiatives, it is critical that elected officials showcase the City's commitment to identify, remove and prevent barriers for people with disabilities.

While the City Manager's annual progress report discussed how City divisions are complying with AODA, it is not clear what resources are available to support elected officials, such as the provision of on-site American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters at community meetings and events.

The Councillor Constituency Services and Office Budget is insufficient to allow Councillors to

be AODA compliant. Alternative funding sources is required. This information should be provided to Council for consideration with the 2014 Operating Budget process.

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Background Information (City Council)

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