

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM41.1	ACTION			Ward:All
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### **Creation of a Hoarding Co-ordination Office - by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle**

*\* 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 Mary-Margaret McMahon, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A to report, in collaboration with members of the interdivisional hoarding team, on the feasibility of and the resources required to create a Hoarding Co-ordination Office to synchronize City divisions' efforts and promote best practices when dealing with extreme hoarding.
2. City Council request the Medical Officer of Health to report on changing the categorization of excessive animal feces and urine as a public health 'hazard'.

### **Summary**

Situations of extreme hoarding are difficult to resolve and necessarily involve the co-operation of a large number of City divisions, the Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services and Social Service agencies. These incidents are even more challenging when they occur in owner occupied houses. The impacts of extreme hoarding include odours and animal infestations which extend beyond the boundaries of the problem property, impacting the entire community.

The number of divisions and services required to resolve extreme hoarding demands that a central co-ordination office be established to ensure the safety and well being of everyone involved, and to prevent duplication of efforts and wasted resources.

Hoarding is a problem right across the City. We want to ensure there is support for vulnerable residents and their neighbours as soon as possible. We want to start implementing preventative measures as soon as possible to help mitigate these situations so they do not escalate.

(Submitted to City Council on November 13 and 14, 2013 as MM41.1)

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM41.1

