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## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM45.8	ACTION			Ward:All
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#### **Co-ordination of Construction Projects - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure 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 that all capital projects that will be constructed by the City directly, and through its agencies and corporations, and which could impact the City's right-of-way, be co-ordinated through the Major Capital Infrastructure Coordination Office (the "MCIC Office").
2. City Council request the heads of City divisions, agencies and corporations to ensure that their respective plans for construction which could impact the City's right-of-way be co-ordinated through the Major Capital Infrastructure Coordination Office in accordance with the timelines and procedures established by that Office.
3. City Council direct the Division Head responsible for any major capital and maintenance projects to offer local Councillors a briefing on any projects in their wards that may cause significant traffic disruption, and that this information be provided to the local Councillor's office at the same time as the Major Capital Infrastructure Coordination Office is informed of any new or amended projects.

#### **Summary**

In recent months I have spoken with a number of Councillors who have expressed frustration at what appears to be a lack of coordination of construction-related road disruptions in their wards. In some cases this is combined with a lack of consultation with Councillors' offices by various City divisions responsible for this work.

A recent example in Ward 23 involves the shutting down of four lanes of Bayview Avenue, at Byng Avenue, at the same time as two lanes of Yonge Street were closed down in the same area due to watermain construction.

Both were non-emergency City projects. The local Councillor was advised of the simultaneous

lane closures two days before the work began. He was further advised by the City staff responsible for this work that there was no requirement that a local Councillor be consulted regarding such work. It would also appear that the City Office which is assigned the task of coordinating such projects was not given the opportunity to do so in this instance.

As any lack of co-ordination of major construction projects on roadways clearly has a negative impact on motorists and contributes to traffic congestion with an accompanying loss of productivity and personal time, it is appropriate that the City take steps to ensure that this work is co-ordinated and that input from local Councillors is sought at the earliest possible stage.

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**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM45.8