

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2014
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Councillor Anthony Perruzza, Ward 8, York West
RE: Joint Meeting of Community Development and Recreation Committee and Economic Development Committee

SUMMARY:

The Chairs of the Economic Development and Community Development and Recreation Committees recommend that a joint meeting be held to consider a report(s) from the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A providing an update on workforce development and social assistance reform including such items as: the implications of the proposed Canada Jobs Grant program, the Housing Stabilization Fund, and OW claw backs/eligibility criteria related to employment earning limits for those on assistance and asset limits for those applying for assistance.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review staff reports and the repercussions of program and policy changes at both the federal and provincial level. The Committees have a shared interest and mandate in looking for ways to improve the economic opportunities for residents, resulting in improved social and health outcomes for Torontonians.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Executive Committee recommends:

1. The Community Development and Recreation Committee and the Economic Development Committee hold a joint meeting in May 2014 to consider a report(s) from the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A that provides an update on workforce development and social assistance reform.

Sincerely,



Anthony Perruzza
City of Toronto Councillor
Chair of Community Development and Recreation Committee