

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM52.5	ACTION			Ward:All
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Proposal to adopt a more environmentally friendly policy for end-of-contract Blackberry devices - by Councillor Chin Lee, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Chin Lee, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council adopt a policy to permit each Blackberry device user to purchase their end-of-contract Blackberry devices from the City of Toronto at a nominal fee, and that requires device users who purchase their Blackberry device to sign a waiver absolving the City from all liabilities regarding the continued use of the purchased device.

Summary

Toronto City Councillors and staff are issued Blackberry devices by the City of Toronto for use for City business. When these Blackberry devices reach end-of-contract (or end-of-term) and are returned to the City, the current policy is to destroy them for privacy and security reasons due to the unique hardware PIN associated with each Blackberry device.

These Blackberry devices are still useable, therefore the policy to destroy the devices is wasteful and not environmentally-friendly, contributing to society's electronic waste problem.

To reduce this wasteful practice while preserving the privacy of the current user and also anyone communicating with the current user, the current user should be provided with the option to purchase the device by signing a waiver assuming all responsibility for the device and absolving the City of Toronto from all liabilities regarding its continued use.

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Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM52.5