



Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM7.12	ACTION			Ward:All
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Young Men's and Young Women's Initiative Program - by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** 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 Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to review and to report back to City Council with respect to initiating the implementation of a Young Men's Initiative and a Young Women's Initiative program modelled on those that have been established in New York City as a collaborative undertaking incorporating all City Divisions, the broader public sector and the private sector.

Summary

The City of New York under former Mayor Michael Bloomberg in 2011 created the Young Men's Initiative and more recently that municipality has created the Young Women's Initiative. These organizations have been established to connect young people with socio-economic and other barriers to educational, employment and mentoring opportunities across a wide range of City agencies and the private sector. These initiatives have received wide acclaim for their efforts and success including recently from United States President Barack Obama. They are a unique and effective approach to the challenges facing young men and women who face barriers to success and the cooperation within the broader public sector and the private sector has created a model that the City of Toronto should consider adopting.

Background Information (City Council)

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