



John Tory  
Mayor

Date: December 1, 2014  
To: City Council  
From: Mayor John Tory  
Subject: **Notice of Proposed Procedural By-Law Amendment regarding Deputy Mayors**

I am writing under section 27-9(B) of the Council Procedures to give notice of my intention to submit the following proposal to the next meeting of City Council on December 11, 2014.

**Proposal to be debated on December 11:**

That City Council amend the Council Procedures to provide for the following:

1. The establishment of up to four deputy Mayors, one to assist the Mayor in each of the four regions of the city, to be appointed and removed by the Mayor.
2. The requirement for the Mayor to designate one of the four deputy mayors as a first Deputy Mayor who shall:
  - a. Perform the roles and functions assigned to the deputy mayor elsewhere in the Council Procedures and the Municipal Code; and
  - b. Act as Mayor when the Mayor is absent or the office is vacant.

**Discussion**

The City of Toronto Act provides that City Council may appoint another Member of Council to act as Mayor when the Mayor is absent or the office becomes vacant.

In turn, City Council has established a Deputy Mayor to be appointed and removed by the Mayor under delegated authority. The Deputy Mayor assists the Mayor and acts in the absence of the Mayor. The Deputy Mayor also serves on various committees and performs various functions by virtue of office.

Given that all these years after amalgamation, divisions pitting one region of the city against another still exist and the need to unite Toronto as one, it would be desirable for there to be a deputy mayor for each region, north, south, east and west - to assist the Mayor by attending events and ceremonies in his stead and advising him on local issues.

Accordingly, I am recommending that City Council amend the Council Procedures to provide for additional deputy mayors, one for each region of the city.

In the event the Mayor is absent or the office becomes vacant, it will be important for there to be certainty as to who acts in the Mayor's place. For this reason, I am proposing that the Mayor be required to designate one of the four deputy mayors as a first Deputy Mayor who will carry out the duties and serve on the committee currently specified in the Council Procedures and other chapters of the Toronto Municipal Code.

Yours truly,

John Tory  
Mayor