

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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**The Introduction and Use of Smart Technology in the City of Toronto -
by Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford**

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to review the project underway in Santander, Spain and to report back to the Economic Development Committee with respect to potential partnerships with all levels of government, residents and the private sector to initiate a similar program of incorporating smart technology in this manner across the City of Toronto.

Summary

As technology rapidly evolves governments, corporations and a myriad of organizations continuously look to technology to provide services more efficiently and inexpensively to their residents and clients. This increasingly rapid evolution in technology has significant potential impacts for municipalities across the world. Discussions with respect to "smart cities" are taking place in many of the world's most progressive cities. The Spanish port city of Santander began discussions about transforming their city into a "smart city" in 2009 and now, with the assistance of the European Union, they are demonstrating the enormous potential for innovation, increased efficiency and improved service levels for residents. While many cities focus on issues such as expanded Wi-Fi coverage and free services of this kind, Santander is incorporating technology on a much broader scale. This includes traffic management, parking applications, solid waste collection, tourist information, searches for services both public and private and commerce to name but a few of the potential benefits. Progressive cities will recognize that in order to provide better service levels to residents and to more effectively compete commercially with jurisdictions across the world they need to use all of the technological advances that are available as well as those that are emerging.

Background Information (City Council)

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