

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM19.12	ACTION			Ward:All
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Conference on Emerging Technologies for Municipal Governments - by Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Norman Kelly

** 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 Norman Kelly, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in collaboration with other relevant City divisions, to plan a conference in the City of Toronto in 2017 on the subject of preparing for technological change at the municipal government level and that representatives from other cities, the federal and provincial governments, universities, private sector corporations and other interested parties be invited to attend the forum.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to review options for private sector support with respect to the costs of hosting the conference and further direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to submit regular reports to the Economic Development Committee on the progress of the planning process for the conference, beginning in Fall 2016.

Summary

The Australian city of Melbourne is comprehensively preparing for the emergence of so-called "smart" cities where rapidly evolving technologies are incorporated into current decision-making and strategic planning for future programming and service delivery. In fact, Melbourne is planning to host a public forum called "Melbourne Conversations" where City leaders will invite representatives from smart cities such as San Francisco, Tel Aviv and Amsterdam in order that they might share their knowledge and advice on the rapidly changing realities of modern municipal government as it is impacted by technological change.

Such conferences bring together leaders from other cities, private sector companies, universities and individuals interested in leading the change that will inevitably affect all aspects of city life in the very near future.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.12