

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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### **Request for Report on Options to Address Continuing Eligibility for Ethno-Cultural Property Tax Rebate for Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre - by Councillor Jon Burnside, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Jon Burnside, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Treasurer to report to the Government Management Committee on the facts regarding the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre and options to address continuing eligibility for the City's Ethno-Cultural Property Tax Rebate program for the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

#### **Summary**

The City of Toronto's Property Tax Rebate Program for Ethno-cultural Centres allows for a 100 percent rebate of property taxes for eligible space occupied by an ethno-cultural centre. The Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, located at 6-8 Garamond Drive, Toronto has qualified to receive a 100 percent rebate of property taxes on eligible space occupied by the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre since 1999.

In 2013, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined that portions of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre's premises were occupied by tenants and/or "community partners", and that these portions were therefore subject to pay property taxes. The portions of the property classified as taxable do not qualify to receive a rebate of property taxes. This affected the amount of the rebate payable to the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre for 2012 and future taxation years.

As at June 2016, the rebates payable for taxation years 2013-2016 remain in dispute, as unpaid taxes remain on the property tax account (the rebate is only payable where there are no tax arrears on the account).

#### **Background Information (City Council)**

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