

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM24.32	ACTION			Ward:All
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Requesting the Government of Canada to implement the Global Skills Visa for Technology Talent - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette

** 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 Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Government of Canada to implement the Global Skills Visa for Technology Talent immediately by providing temporary residency to technology talent.

Summary

Due to the current conditions related to immigration sanctions imposed by the United States of America on several countries, it is imperative that the Government of Canada implement the Global Skills Visa for Technology Talent immediately for the purposes of welcoming the best technology talent to Canada and the City of Toronto.

The City of Toronto offers an advantage with its technology business environment that embraces tech entrepreneurs and respects global technology talent. Implementing the Global Skills Visa for Technology Talent is an opportunity for Canada to further its leadership in Technology.

A record number of talent who work within the United States of America face a dilemma one that can benefit Canada for years to come. Providing temporary residency to those who now find themselves displaced is an opportunity for Canada to offer a safe open environment for the best minds in Technology. Their possible contribution to Canada will heighten or creative energy expanding our capability for jobs in a number of fields while also help to entice our own students to remain and work in Canada.

"Canada is eager to attract skilled tech workers from abroad while also retaining existing workers and students that are often lured away by global tech firms. More than 300,000 Canadians currently work in Silicon Valley in the United States."

Background Information (City Council)

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