

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.4	ACTION			Ward:All
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Advance Notification to local Councillors of upcoming items at Community Council meetings - by Councillor Sarah Doucette, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Sarah Doucette, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council direct that when a staff report is written on a resident initiated issue, City Divisions notify the local ward Councillor in advance of the report being placed on the Community Council agenda.

Summary

Often when issues, such as (but not limited to) traffic studies, parking pad applications and fence exemptions come to Community Council through a resident driven process, the local Councillor is not made aware of the issue until the agenda for the meeting is released. In order to consider these items properly, it can often take longer than one week, as gathering community feedback, hosting potential community meetings, and reaching a consensus among neighbours is needed. This can result in deferring items, increasing timelines and increasing the work of staff. By notifying the local Councillor well in advance of a meeting, these issues could be addressed in a timely and more efficient manner for staff and residents alike.

Background Information (City Council)

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