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## City Council

### Notice of Motion

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### **Hosting of All-Candidates Meetings - Permitting Payment of Expenses from the Constituency Services and Office Budget - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker**

*\* 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 Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy to permit the payment of Council Members' expenses related to the hosting of an all-candidates meeting during Canadian Federal and Ontario Provincial election campaigns.

#### **Summary**

In all my years as Toronto City Councillor during every federal and provincial election campaign constituents ask me over and over again "when is the all-candidates meeting?", "why it is not in my community?".

Local groups often are not in the position of hosting a meeting of such scale, due to lack of funds, advertisement abilities, social media capabilities and resources to organize such a meeting.

Councillor's Offices are certainly capable of accomplishing such tasks. We have proper personal resources, contacts, social media and media relations capabilities. The meeting does not require any extraordinary funding, it can be accomplished in the same budget for regular Town Hall or Public Consultation meetings often held in the community.

For the purpose of a more transparent democratic process, grassroots understanding and local citizen engagement, I ask you to support this Motion to allow for City Councillors to host Provincial and Federal all-candidates meeting.

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

Member Motion MM32.4