

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM36.8	ACTION			Ward:All
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### **Creation of a National Portrait Gallery - 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 write to The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage in support of a National Portrait Gallery.

#### **Summary**

Libraries and Archives Canada comprises materials that have spanned over the past 140 years of Canadian history including the world's second largest amount of portraits. However, these materials are inaccessible to the general populace and can only be viewed through a formal request.

For several months now senators, groups and journalists have petitioned for the creation of a National Portrait Gallery at the former United States Embassy at 100 Wellington in Ottawa. This address has recently been designated as a space for indigenous peoples by the Federal Government. Nonetheless, the creation of a portrait gallery in our nation's capital would be a beneficial endeavor for the Federal Government to undertake.

There are several benefits for creating a National Portrait Gallery including showcasing the diverse and abundant portraits that are stored at Libraries and Archives Canada as well as highlighting iconic Canadian figures who have impacted our country including influential Canadians including: Terry Fox, Gord Downie, Viola Desmond, Lester B Pearson, Tommy Douglas, Susan Point, Daphne Odjig, Bill Reid, Norval Morriseau, Nellie McClung, Herbert Marshall McLuhan, Sir Fredrick Banting and Clara Hughes.

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

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