

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM41.6	ACTION			Ward:All
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Report on Process for Naming of New City Wards - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stephen Holyday

** 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stephen Holyday, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to report to the Executive Committee before the end of the current term recommending a process for naming of the City's wards early in the new term.

Summary

When City Council adopted the new ward boundaries for the City, the new wards were described by numbers only.

Ward names were established by provincial legislation in 1997 and again in 2003. City Council has never had to undertake a naming process before. Most recently, City wards shared names with federal and provincial ridings.

There would be some benefits to naming the wards. It would help residents, including voters, distinguish between the old and new numbering system. It would help associate a new ward number with its corresponding neighbourhoods. Lastly, it would continue a tradition established at the amalgamation of the City in 1998.

Unfortunately, a naming process could not start until the boundaries were finalized after recent appeals. Naming the wards before the election may not be possible given the advanced state of election preparations and the need for public involvement.

However, City Council should consider approving a process that can be launched after the election that would see City Council approve new ward names in 2019.

City Council should ask the City Manager to prepare a proposed process for Council consideration before the election recess.

Background Information (City Council)

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