

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Seizure and destruction of illegal guns - 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 direct the City Manager to request the Toronto Police Services Board, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Province of Ontario to adopt and implement the necessary measures for a seize and destroy procedure to destroy illegal guns and ammunition seized and confiscated by law enforcement agencies.
2. City Council request the City Manager to report back to City Council during the first quarter of 2019 on the implementation of a seize and destroy procedure.

Summary

In the best interest of the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario, seize and destroy regulations and procedures to destroy illegal weapons and ammunition need to be put in place.

With the current rise in gun violence, it was surprising to learn that seized illegal weapons often find their way back to our City streets. This should not be occurring. A procedure is needed to provide law enforcement the authority and process to destroy weapons when they are no longer required by the judicial process.

Recently it was reported that an Ontario man who had been charged with the possession of 60 illegal rifles and shotguns was found five years later in possession of the same firearms. This is highly disturbing and needs to be addressed immediately.

A seize and destroy regulation enforced across all law enforcement agencies would assist in working towards the elimination of gun violence.

Article on July 10, 2018: <https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-man-charged-after-60-illegal-rifles-shotguns-seized-from-home-1.3988892>

Background Information (City Council)

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