

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Process to inform City Council when staff recommendations to refuse a planning application are reversed by Community Council - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to submit a supplementary report to City Council when a Community Council recommends approval of, or directs staff to bring forward Bills enacting a By-law for a development proposal in a form which, or with conditions which, are not in Planning staff's opinion representative of good planning and not consistent with Provincial Policies and the Ontario Official Plan.

Summary

Community Council recommendations to either approve or refuse planning applications are presented to City Council for final determination. However, in rare circumstances, Community Council overturns a City Planning recommendation for refusal where the application is not good planning and not consistent/in-conformity with Provincial Policies and the Official Plan. In these instances where a decision to refuse the application is not supported by Community Council and Community Council refers the matter back to staff with instructions to approve the application, City Council is not aware of the background and is not involved in that determination. These matters should be brought to City Council's attention as the final decision body for making decisions on Planning applications.

Background Information (City Council)

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