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To: General Government and Licensing Committee Members

Re: Civic Innovation Office Update

Background:

The Civic Innovation Office was created through a three-year grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Team Program. The Program is designed to assist cities build capacity for innovation through data, design thinking, and technology with the objective to act as a liaison between the City of Toronto and the innovation and technology community.

The Office is structured to collaborate, co-design, and co-create solutions for issues our municipal government faces by a team of City staff, residents, and local organizations for the purpose of improving the quality of life for Toronto residents.

It would be beneficial to provide an annual update on the accomplishments and work in progress.

Recommendation:

That the General Government and Licensing Committee:

1. Request the Director, Civic Innovation Office, to report to the May 21, 2019 meeting of the General Government and Licensing Committee to:
 - a. Provide an update on the Civic Innovation Office's three-year grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Team program; and
 - b. Report on the "problems" brought forward to the Civic Innovation Office and the solutions developed to address them.

All my Best,

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