



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Comments on Impact of transcripts on legal proceedings for Statements Made In City Council and Committee meetings

Date: October 30, 2019
To: Special Committee on Governance
From: Wendy Walberg
Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The attachment to this report contains advice or communications that are subject to solicitor-client privilege. It also comments on issues related to potential litigation that may affect the City of Toronto.

SUMMARY

This report supplements the City Clerk's report on the Feasibility of a Transcription Service for City Council and Committee Meetings. The City Clerk asked for legal advice on the impact of transcripts on legal proceedings for statements made in Committee and Council meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Solicitor recommends that:

1. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains advice which is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting on April 16 and 17, 2019, requested the City Clerk to report to the Special Committee on Governance on the feasibility of implementing a transcription service for meetings of City Council and its Committees:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.MM6.15>

The City Clerk requested legal advice as to the impact, if any, that transcripts (i.e. transcripts of meetings of City Council and its Committees) may have on any related litigation. This Report is supplementary to Staff Report for Action GV5.2 "Feasibility of a Transcription Service for City Council and Committee Meetings".

COMMENTS

The confidential attachment contains legal advice on the impact of transcripts on potential litigation arising from statements made in Committee and Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 - Comments on Impact of transcripts on legal proceedings for Statements Made In City Council and Committee meetings