

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM7.2	ACTION			Ward: All
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Effective Collaboration with Ontario Municipalities - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** 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 Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to report to the Executive Committee in June 2019 on the intergovernmental relationship benefits and the economic benefits of rejoining the Association of Municipalities of Ontario at this time, as well as possible costs and time frames involved in rejoining the Association.

Summary

The City of Toronto withdrew its membership in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in 2004. At the time, we existed in what the Premier of Ontario publicly admitted was "A Legislative Straightjacket that Would Baffle Houdini".

To further irritate matters, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario was entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province that left unclear the City of Toronto's ability to negotiate any improvements in our legislative and fiscal relationship with the Province.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario have demonstrated they are a beneficial venue for thoughtful collaboration between cities as well as a useful venue for each municipality to have one-on-one meetings with appropriate Provincial Ministers and Ministry staff.

Recently, we've seen that our relationship with the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario is absolutely crucial to our City and Mayor Tory's participation there has been important to the entire Province. That role must be reinforced by the full participation of Toronto Council as a member municipality, along with its public service.

Background Information (City Council)

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