City Council

Notice of Motion

| MM13.18 | ACTION | | | Ward: All |
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Support for Motion 70 at the Ontario Legislature - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

- * 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 Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council share its support with the Province of Ontario for Motion 70, and the creation of a non-partisan committee to address climate change in Ontario.

Summary

The impacts of climate change are being felt across our City and Province. Over the last few years, we have seen an increase in flooding, heat waves, and other extreme weather events. It is imperative that all levels of government study these impacts and develop strategies to address them.

Recently, Member of Provincial Parliament, Peter Tabuns brought forward a member's motion (Motion 70) to the Ontario Legislature to create a non-partisan committee that would be tasked with immediately developing comprehensive provincial strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and an action plan to address climate change-related threats to Ontario's environment, society and economy.

Motion 70 reads as follows:

"That, in the opinion of this House, a Select Committee on Climate Change should be established immediately to develop comprehensive provincial strategies and an action plan to address climate-change related threats to our society, environment and economy."

The full Motion can be found here: https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/statusbusiness/private-members-motions

Having the Provincial Government take dedicated steps to adopt an action plan to address climate change through a non-partisan partnership is a step in a positive direction, and will do well to respond to and complement the efforts of the City of Toronto and TransformTO.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM13.18