
City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM23.15	ACTION			Ward: 10
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Expediting the Polling Period for the Expansion of the Waterfront Business Improvement Area - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council reduce the polling period requirements for expanding a Business Improvement Area as set out in Chapter 19-2.4 (I) and (J) from 60 days to 30 days only for the purposes of polling for the expansion of the Waterfront Business Improvement Area.

Summary

At its meeting of June 29 and 30, 2020, City Council stated its intention to designate the expanded Waterfront Business Improvement Area and directed the City Clerk to send out a notice of City Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the new area as the expanded Waterfront Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Chapter 19 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.

The Waterfront Business Improvement Area has requested that the polling period for the formal expansion vote be reduced from 60 to 30 days. This change will allow for an expedited voting process and earlier budgeting and planning for 2021, given that polling is not able to proceed before September 2020 at the earliest.

With the continuing effects of COVID-19 being felt by our business community, an expedited vote on expansion will help provide certainty to the Waterfront Business Improvement Area's planning process.

Background Information (City Council)

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