
City Council

Notice of Motion

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Call Me Maybe: Improving Transparency by Making Staff Directories Available to the Public - by Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** 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

Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council direct that all staff positions in all City Divisions, Agencies, Commissions and Corporations be listed in directories showing name, position, phone number and e-mail address, organized according to the operating structure of each organization.
2. City Council request Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations to make their staff directories available to the public through each entity's website.

Summary

The City of Toronto is committed to an open and transparent government. One example of this transparency is on-line public access to City staff directories. Directories make staff accessible by listing their names, positions and phone numbers. They also indicate the size of the Divisions as well as their scope of work by organizing the listings according to division, unit, etc.

Unfortunately this level of transparency is not consistent within the City's Agencies, Boards and Commissions. Some list senior leadership positions on their websites, but without contact information. Some do not list any staff. Generally it is either very difficult or impossible for a member of the public to contact these public employees, or see how these organizations are sized and structured.

This Motion proposes to improve transparency by making it mandatory for Agencies, Boards and Commissions to list the names and titles of staff by division, department and unit (as appropriate) in online directories that are accessible to the public.

Background Information (City Council)

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