

City Council

Motion Without Notice

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Urging Continued Federal Government Action on Gun Violence - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council thank the Federal Government on last May's Orders in Council that prohibit some 1,500 models of assault weapons in Canada.
2. City Council express its support for the Federal Government's commitment to complete and make permanent the ban on assault weapons by adopting a bill to this effect in the near future.
3. City Council request the Federal Government to continue urgently pursuing a ban on the sale of handguns in the City of Toronto and reiterate the requests for gun reform made under Item EX6.7 - City Powers to Regulate Firearms and Ammunition and Update on Related Initiatives, considered at the June 18 and 19, 2019 meeting of City Council.

Summary

Gun violence continues to devastate families and impact communities across Toronto. Just this weekend, a 21 year old member of the east end community was violently shot and killed in an LCBO parking lot. We have seen 195 shooting-related deaths in 2020 so far.

The Federal government took important steps in May 2020 to ban some 1,500 models of assault weapons through Orders in Council. This action should be congratulated and has received the support of anti-gun violence advocates across Toronto.

In the October 2020 Speech from the Throne, the government indicated its intentions to continue their work to tackle gun violence. Community groups such as Danforth Families for Safe Communities in the east end as well as residents across the city in communities shaken by these crimes are calling on municipalities to do their part to ensure quick, decisive action on gun violence. This issue needs immediate attention.

This Motion is urgent given the immediate and devastating impacts of gun violence for the

families and communities impacted.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM25.31