

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM32.22	ACTION			Ward: All
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The Increasing Costs of Building Supplies Effect on The Economy - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, 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

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council request City Manager to write to the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to address the increasing costs of building materials, particularly lumber, to determine if action is required to ease the costs locally.
2. City Council direct that a copy of City Council's decision be sent to the Municipality of Powassan and the Ontario General Contractors Association.

Summary

The Municipality of Powassan has recently voted to bring an issue to the attention of the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. Recently, the cost of lumber has drastically risen, cites Powassan Deputy Mayor Randy Hall “last year, a piece of 2x4 Grade A lumber sold for \$1.25, and one year later that same piece of lumber retails for more than \$9.00.” Exports to the United States may play a significant factor in the sharp price increase.

As construction continues in Toronto during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the cost of building materials directly affects the costs to residents and those in the construction industry, I am asking Toronto City Council to echo the concerns raised by the Municipality of Powassan and ask the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government to address this concern.

Background Information (City Council)

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