

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM47.39	ACTION			Ward: All
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Allowing Councillors Who Aren't Running to Maintain Communication with Constituents - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

** 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 John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council amend Section 4.7b of the Constituency Services and Office Budget and Section 5 of the Use of City Resources During an Election policy to allow Members not seeking re-election, by virtue having not registered at the close of nominations, to be able to publish communications, such as flyers, newsletters, enewsletters and website updates between nomination day and election day and that related expenses be paid by the City as part of the Constituency Services and Office Budget.

Summary

In an election year, Council policy currently prohibits many forms of communication, including electronic newsletters between August 1 and the date of the election. This rule applies to all Councillors, whether they are seeking re-election or not.

This Motion would modify that policy so that it does not apply to Councillors who are not running, once that has been confirmed by the close of nominations.

I am requesting this change in large part because of an issue in my Ward - refugee housing at 3 Park Home Avenue - which the community is only becoming aware of now but is scheduled to open September 1. I believe that regular communication from me to my constituents during the first two months of operation (September and October) will facilitate a smoother introduction for this housing.

Background Information (City Council)

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