City Council

Notice of Motion

MM3.11 ACTION			Ward: All
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Support for Bill 47, Protecting Human Rights in an Emergency Act (Emergency Power Generators) - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Ausma Malik

* 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 Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council express its support for Bill 47, Protecting Human Rights in an Emergency Act (Emergency Power Generators), 2022.

2. City Council forward this item to Members of Provincial Parliament Bhutila Karpoche, Kristyn Wong-Tam, Jessica Bell, and Chandra Pasma, as well as leaders of each of the Provincial political parties, for information.

Summary

In November 2022, Members of Provincial Parliament moved to amend the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, as well as the Condominium Act, 1998, to ensure that tenants and residents are protected by their landlord and provided with power in emergency situations.

This Bill will ensure that landlords and condo corporations are responsible for providing emergency protections for their residents. This would ensure that residents with mobility issues would have access to elevators, that hallway lights would remain on, and that residents are able to access clean water.

In supporting this Bill, Toronto City Council reaffirms our commitment to protecting and supporting tenants and residents across the city by ensuring that their homes can remain livable, accessible, safe, and comfortable during both short and long-term emergency situations. Supporting these protections gives the City more time to prepare for prolonged emergency response situations where residents may need to be relocated.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM3.11 (https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-234148.pdf)