

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM5.41	ACTION			Ward: 13
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Workplace Health and Safety in the Ward 13 Office - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** 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 Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council approve assigning Suite A7 to the Ward 13 Councillor for the same fee charged to utilize civic centre offices.

Summary

This motion is urgent as it deals with workplace health and safety matters.

Since the beginning of the term, we have been working with the Deputy City Clerk of Member Services and Program Support in regard to office space within City Hall. The Ward 13 team consists of 10 staff, in addition to the Councillor. Along with two other offices, Ward 13 is allocated extra staff due to the size and population of our ward.

The current structure of our City Hall office does not allow for a safe and healthy working environment due to the crowding of the office. City Staff recommended bringing this item to Council for approval.

Without this approval, the Ward 13 office will not have enough space to safely follow the City's Workplace Health and Safety policies. This approval would come at a cost to the Ward 13 Office, matching the use of other City of Toronto Civic Centres, as Toronto City Hall is the local civic centre for downtown Councillors. Suite A7 is currently an unused space on the second floor, with no Councillor nor City Staff using it as a permanent office or touchdown space except for the Ward 13 office.

Background Information (City Council)

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