
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM12.6	ACTION			Ward: 2
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Etobicoke Coat of Arms Displayed in the Etobicoke Civic Centre - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti

** 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 Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to report to City Council by the end of 2023 on:
 - a. the details and status of complaints regarding the Etobicoke Coat of Arms; and
 - b. the details of the origin and use of the Etobicoke Coat of Arms.

Summary

It has been brought to my attention that there have been recent complaints made to the City about the Etobicoke Coat of Arms displayed in the Etobicoke Civic Centre as being offensive or racist. There is a Coat of Arms prominently displayed in the Community Council Chamber, and another in the Committee Room.

The Coat of Arms was used on the official seal of the former City of Etobicoke and has been used extensively from 1977 to amalgamation in 1998, both in physical form and on numerous documents and mediums. It is recognized and highly regarded by many.

I believe that it is important that City Council and the public be made aware of the status of these complaints, and that Council receive information about the Coat of Arms.

Background Information (City Council)

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