

City Council

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Reopening and Amending Item 2023.IE9.5 to Extend the 2024 Reporting, Exemption, and Extension Deadline for Municipal Code Chapter 367, Building Emissions Performance - by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item 2023.IE9.5. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe, recommends that:

1. City Council amend its previous decision on Item 2023.IE9.5, headed "Proposed Building Emissions Performance Reporting By-Law" by amending Chapter 367, Building Emissions Performance, as follows:
 - a. by extending the report deadline in 2024 for the report information to October 31, 2024; and
 - b. by extending the reporting extension and exemption deadline in 2024 to October 31, 2024.
2. City Council authorize the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to City Council's decision.

Summary

On December 13, 2023, the City of Toronto adopted Municipal Code Chapter 367, Building Emissions Performance ("the By-law"), which requires property owners of buildings in Toronto that are 929 square metres (10,000 square feet) and larger to report their energy and water use, amongst other building information, to the City annually. The By-law's reporting requirement is being phased in over a number of years, with property owners of buildings 4,645 square meters (50,000 square feet) and larger being required to report their previous year's report information annually starting in 2024 and property owners of buildings 929 square metres (10,000 square feet) and larger being required to report their previous year's report information annually starting in 2025.

Under the By-law, the deadline for property owners to submit 2023 report information to the City is July 2, 2024. However, to date, only approximately 1 percent of the properties that are required to report to the City have submitted their report information.

Furthermore, City staff have heard from some property owners that they are experiencing delays in receiving aggregated whole-building consumption data and may not be able to report their energy and water use information by the report deadline or may need a reporting exemption or extension this year from the City. The deadline stated in the By-law for a property owner to apply for an extension or exemption from reporting is 60 calendar days prior to the report deadline and has passed for this calendar year.

Given that 2024 is the first year that property owners are required to report their buildings' energy and water use to the City of Toronto, and the July 2, 2024 report deadline is fast approaching, City staff would like to extend the 2024 deadline to submit their report information or request a reporting extension or exemption to October 31, 2024 in order to provide property owners with additional time.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING

Item 2023.IE9.5 (December 13, 14, and 15, 2023, City Council meeting) only as it pertains to Part 1 of City Council's decision, with respect to the reporting deadline.

Background Information (City Council)

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