

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM26.11	ACTION			Ward: All
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Let's Amplify the Need for a New Fiscal Framework - New Deal for Cities - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Jamaal Myers

** 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 Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Jamaal Myers, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to identify and leverage opportunities with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus and other regional organizations of which the City is a member, to amplify and support the importance of sustainable municipal fiscal frameworks that are aligned with the City's intergovernmental priorities during the upcoming provincial and federal elections and beyond.

Summary

As municipal populations grow and demand for services increases, the need for sustainable fiscal frameworks becomes more urgent. The City of Toronto, like many others, faces a structural deficit, a growing state of good repair backlog, and the financial burden of assuming responsibilities that should fall to higher levels of government.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has long championed the need for municipalities to have the financial tools to meet these challenges. In May 2023, Federation of Canadian Municipalities passed a resolution calling for a new Municipal Growth Framework that aligns local government revenues with economic and population growth. This would ensure municipalities have the resources to address national issues like affordable housing, climate change, and infrastructure. Similarly, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario is advocating for less reliance on property taxes to fund provincial responsibilities and more investment in local infrastructure and housing. By aligning with the advocacy efforts of Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Toronto can strengthen its voice and empower our residents to advocate collectively for sustainable fiscal policies that will support a better future for all cities.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM26.11

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-252699.pdf>

