

NOTICE OF MOTION**Election Campaign Finance Reform****Moved by: Councillor Walker****Seconded by: Councillor Jenkins**

“**WHEREAS** Premier Dalton McGuinty campaigned in 2003 on a promise of bringing in democratic renewal for Ontario and created a ministerial portfolio for this purpose; and

WHEREAS the influence of money in government may be corrosive and corruptive, as evidenced in so many recent scandals in all three levels of government; and

WHEREAS the public is becoming extremely cynical of government, in response to continuing scandals in government; and

WHEREAS confidence in public officials has been eroding steadily over the past decade; and

WHEREAS during its meeting of September 28 to October 1, 2004, City Council, adopted, as amended, Policy and Finance Committee Report 7, Clause 3, headed ‘Toronto Election Finance Review Task Force Recommendations’, and, in so doing, approved an Election Finance Reform package for City of Toronto elections which was then forwarded to the Provincial government to pass enabling amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act*; and

WHEREAS Mayor David Miller and Councillor Michael Walker met with the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs, on April 21, 2005, regarding the urgent approval of changes to the *Municipal Elections Act* to enable the City of Toronto to pass by-laws on Election Finance Reform for the 2006 municipal election; and

WHEREAS it was discussed at the meeting with Minister Gerretsen that any enabling provincial legislation would be permissive and allow any municipality in Ontario to pass similar by-laws regarding their own election process; and

WHEREAS doing business with government involves huge amounts of money and profits to the private sector (i.e. – planning approvals; leasing contracts (MFP); union contracts); and

WHEREAS the purpose of Election Finance Reform during election time is to remove the inordinate influence of corporate and union donations on incumbents and challengers alike; and

WHEREAS, if changes to the *Municipal Elections Act* are not made now, it is probable that the momentum for these reforms will be lost and no Election Finance Reform will be implemented for the foreseeable future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council reaffirm its position of September 28 to October 1, 2004, on the need for strict changes to the *Municipal Elections Act* regarding Election Finance Reform;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council urgently request the Provincial Government to pass legislation early in its fall term of the Legislature to enable the changes requested by Toronto City Council regarding Election Finance Reform;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council strongly identify the need for timely passage of this legislation because City by-laws have to be passed by the end of 2005 for Election Finance Reform to take effect for the 2006 municipal election;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate City officials be directed to take any action necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code be waived to permit introduction and debate of this Notice of Motion at the meeting of Council to be held on October 26, 2005.”

October 26, 2005

According to Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code, the foregoing Notice of Motion:

Notice was previously given	
Meets Municipal Code provisions and only requires a simple majority to introduce and debate	
Requires two-thirds to waive notice	(√)
Requires two-thirds to re-open	
Fiscal Impact Statement provided	*
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate	*
Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	
Should be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee	(√)
Requires two-thirds to waive referral if Council wishes to debate	
Recommendations are time sensitive	(√)

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.

(A copy of the Policy and Finance Committee Clause referred to in this Motion is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)