

NOTICE OF MOTION

Reading and Display of Motions at Council for Viewers at Home

Moved by: Councillor Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Jenkins

“WHEREAS each and every session of Toronto City Council is televised on Rogers Community Television for viewers at home; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of these viewers watch at home because they cannot attend the meeting in person at Toronto City Hall; and

WHEREAS these viewers have as much a right, as those who attend the meeting in person, to know what is being discussed, who is placing a motion, what the motion is, who is voting or not voting and whether they are voting in the affirmative or the negative; and

WHEREAS it used to be the customary practice that the Chair read all motions out loud, in order for all viewers to know what is being voted on; and

WHEREAS the public audience watching at home are not privy to hundreds of pages of printed agendas, Notices of Motions, as well as countless updates and distributed pages that Councillors are privileged to receive; and

WHEREAS the public audience, without this information, cannot possibly follow a three-day meeting where items are often held, discussed in camera, deferred, received, or sent back to Committee without any mention other than an agenda reference number;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council consider amending Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code (Council Procedures) to require the Chair or City Clerk to read aloud all motions being voted on for the viewing audience at home; that notice of a proposed amendment be given in accordance with Chapter 162, Notice, Public and Chapter 27, Council Procedures; and that this matter be considered by the Policy and Finance Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all motions being voted on also be displayed on the television screen at the time they are being voted on.”

December 5, 2005

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YES Altobello
YES Carroll
YES Cho
YES Davis
YES Del Grande
YES Ford
YES Grimes
YES Jenkins
YES Li Preti
YES Mammoliti
YES McConnell
YES Milczyn
YES Miller [Chair]
YES Nunziata
YES Palacio
YES Pitfield
YES Shiner
YES Stintz
YES Thompson
YES Walker
YES Watson
NO Ashton
NO Augimeri
NO Chow
NO Cowbourne
NO De Baeremaeker
NO Di Giorgio
NO Feldman
NO Fillion
NO Fletcher
NO Hall
NO Holyday
NO Kelly
NO Lindsay Luby
NO Mihevc
NO Minnan-Wong
NO Moscoe
NO Ootes
NO Pantalone
NO Rae
NO Saundercook
NO Soknacki