

May 12, 2005

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Re: Decentralize Police Parking Enforcement**

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Walker**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cliff Jenkins**

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**WHEREAS** the parking enforcement in the City of Toronto is conducted by Toronto Police Services; and

**WHEREAS** the Police Services has centralized parking enforcement to operate from a parking enforcement headquarters separate from the community police divisions; and

**WHEREAS** Police Services' parking enforcement officers have "performance targets" (or Quotas) for the required number of parking tickets each officer must issue per shift; and

**WHEREAS** if a parking enforcement officer does not meet their performance target/quota, the employee is disciplined; and

**WHEREAS** many parking tickets are repeatedly given to residents on their own street, particularly late at night; and

**WHEREAS** it seems parking enforcement officers are targeting residential areas unfairly; and

**WHEREAS** a parking enforcement officer should not be able to fill their quota by visiting the same areas, often low-priority enforcement areas, time after time; and

**WHEREAS** many parking tickets are withdrawn due to improper issuance (*20% are withdrawn*); and

**WHEREAS** many withdrawn parking tickets may not have been issued if the local Police division was involved and local '*parking consideration*' was given to the situation; and

**WHEREAS** if parking enforcement was conducted by the local community Police divisions, more control and discretion over ticket issuance would be exercised; and

**WHEREAS** the primary purpose of parking enforcement should be to gain compliance not to generate revenue and the best way to achieve that is to have parking enforcement done locally through each Police Division and thus complete the circle of community policing;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** City Council petition the Police Services Board to consider decentralizing Parking Enforcement and return it to the control of the individual community Police Divisions;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the appropriate City officials be requested to take any action 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 May 17, 2005.

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