

November 14, 2002

NOTICE OF MOTION
TORONTO CITY COUNCIL
November 26 – 28, 2002

***RE: ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES,
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM
AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF A “SECURITY AND PREVENTION COMMITTEE”***

WHEREAS over one year ago, the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting of October 25, 2001, had before it communications (October 1 and 10, 2001, *see attached*) from Councillor Michael Walker, St. Paul’s, advising that a formalized framework for City Council and those officials who are charged with the protection of the City and its people should be established to minimize the impact of any possible acts of terrorism or crisis; and,

WHEREAS the Policy and Finance Committee referred the communications (October 1 and 10, 2001) from Councillor Walker to the Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee in her forthcoming report; and,

WHEREAS the Chief Administrative Officer’s report referred to above is still outstanding; and,

WHEREAS Canada was specifically named along with five other allied countries of the United States on a terrorist audiotape that was released November 12, 2002; and,

WHEREAS Toronto has been identified as a target by the F.B.I., with the CN Tower, the TTC subway system and the nearby Pickering nuclear plant among twenty-two (22) potential terrorist targets in Canada; and,

WHEREAS Councillor Walker’s October 1 and 10, 2001 communications to the Policy and Finance Committee contained specific recommendations for the protection of the Pickering nuclear plant, TTC subway system and water systems, among other areas; and,

WHEREAS Toronto is the largest city in Canada and is the financial centre of Canada; and,

WHEREAS New York is the U.S. financial centre, the largest city in the U.S. and the first mainland victim of terrorism; and,

WHEREAS it is alleged that the City's vital systems (i.e. Water reservoirs, Hydro plants, Nuclear plants, TTC subway system) are not adequately protected in relation with the context of the present political and social climate; and,

WHEREAS the federal government has allocated \$7 billion dollars for anti-terrorism measures; and,

WHEREAS the provincial government has committed \$400,000 annually to strengthen Toronto's emergency response program; and,

WHEREAS public opinion is in favour of the strengthening of security and protection measures against terrorism and crisis; and,

WHEREAS it would be consequently irresponsible for City Council to ignore the grave seriousness of potential threats to Toronto's 2.5 million residents; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council hereby instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to present Council members with a comprehensive overview of the City's Emergency Preparedness Program and Anti-Terrorism Measures to date, to be presented *in camera* if appropriate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council immediately establish a permanent *Security and Prevention Committee* to ensure protection for the City's vital services and its citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council hereby instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to ensure that all the communication systems of all levels and departments of Toronto's Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and other related services are fully compatible with each other;

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

Moved By: **Councillor Michael Walker**

Seconded By: **Councillor Gerry Altobello**