Agenda – Council – January 28, 2021

Executive Policy Committee - Notice of Motion

Item No. 1 Use of Vote Information System

Moved by Councillor Sharma,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS openness and transparency in government is paramount;

AND WHEREAS on September 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee began using the recorded Vote Information System to record votes;

AND WHEREAS having Members of Council stand to be counted at City Council meetings is the most effective and recognized method of having elected officials show citizens their support or opposition to an item before them;

AND WHEREAS having Members of Council vote via the Vote Information System rather than standing to show support or opposition will create a barrier for some citizens watching City Council proceedings:

AND WHEREAS there has been no official direction or decision from Council to introduce this system at City Council meetings;

AND WHEREAS there has been no formal review of the Procedures By-law to determine if the use of this system aligns with currents rules;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the recorded Vote Information System not be used by Members of Council for City Council meetings until such time as Council votes to implement the system.