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Item No. 2 Council Motion Naming Standards

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Public Service be directed maintain the same subject line when submitting an administrative report on motions from Council or Committees.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Lukes,
That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 12, 2024, the Governance Committee of Council recommended:

1. That the Public Service be directed maintain the same subject line when submitting an administrative report on motions from Council or Committees.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 24, 2024, Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Governance Committee of Council for report back:

1. That the Procedure By-law be amended to ensure that any motion, or motion to amend, shall be titled, and the authors of any motion will have the ability over said matter.

On September 26, 2024, the following Notice of Motion was filed with the Clerk, in accordance with section 17(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS motion titles can be confusing with often no ability to find out why, how or by whom the titles of motions are decided;

AND WHEREAS this can lead to a misperception as to what a motion is about;

AND WHEREAS this can also lead to a misunderstanding as to how the intent of a motion was derived;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be referred to the Governance Committee of Council:

1. That the Procedure By-law be amended to ensure that any motion, or motion to amend, shall be titled, and the authors of any motion will have the ability over said matter.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.