

**PUBLIC RESOLUTION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

Main Category: 11. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

Sub-Category: 11.2 Councillor C. Block - Absence and Support for City Councillors [File No. CK. 255-1]

Date: May 23, 2017

Any material considered at the meeting regarding this item is appended to this resolution package.

In accordance with Section 65(1)(b) of Bylaw No. 9170, The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014, the following notice of motion was provided by Councillor C. Block:

"WHEREAS City Council supports diversity and inclusion in civic politics and aims to remove as many barriers as possible so as to encourage greater participation in the process;

WHEREAS engaged persons may be unable to participate in the local political process due to such barriers as personal family commitments and/or emergencies;

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Cities Act disqualifies an elected person from serving on City Council if such a member "is absent from all regular council meetings held during any period of three consecutive months, starting with the date that the first meeting is missed, unless the absence is authorized by a resolution of council;

WHEREAS City Council, by resolution, does not have an official policy that outlines support for those elected officials who may, from time to time, be required to be absent from their duties so as to attend to matters such as, but not limited to, child birth, illness support, or compassionate leave;

WHEREAS City Councillors do not have direct staff support to assist them in carrying out their duties in the case of such absences, commitments or emergencies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council instruct the Municipal Review Commission to research, investigate best practices, if any, and recommend various policy options that address absence and support for City Councillors as outlined in this Motion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Municipal Review Commission report its findings and potential recommendations to the Governance & Priorities Committee not later than October 31, 2017."

Moved By: Councillor Block

Seconded By: Councillor Gough

1. That City Council instruct the Administration to research, investigate best practices, if any, and recommend various policy options that address absence and support for City Councillors as outlined in this Motion; and
2. That the Administration report its findings and potential recommendations to the Governance & Priorities Committee not later than October 31, 2017.

In Favour: Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk and Councillor Jeffries

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