



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting August 3, 2023**

To: Committee of the Whole

Date: July 27, 2023

From: Mayor Alto

Subject: Neighborhood Assignment Policy

BACKGROUND

City Council continues to review and improve the City's governance procedures.

Council appoints a Councillor to act as a liaison to each community or neighbourhood association. These appointments are made at the beginning of a new term of Council and are for a two-year period. Although there have been informal Terms of Reference for these positions, the City does not have a policy clarifying expectations.

Members of Council are responsible for considering the overall interests of the city. Obligating Councillors to formally advocate for an association's position may compromise a Councillor's obligation to act in the best interests of the whole city. It also invites Councillors to become involved in local or operational matters.

A Neighbourhood Assignment Policy clarifies the expectations for a Councillor when assigned to a neighbourhood. Councillors will still learn about the neighbourhood's values, history, and concerns and act as a link between neighbourhood residents and Council. Councillors may also act on neighbourhood issues by way of Council Member Motion if the Councillor determines it requires Council's attention.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approve the attached *Neighborhood Assignment Policy* to outline expectations for Councillors assigned to a city neighbourhood.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mayor Alto".

Mayor Alto

List of Attachments

Attachment A: Neighbourhood Assignment Policy