



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Council X
Meeting Date:	April 14, 2021
Subject/Title:	Fundraising and Sponsorship for Council Community Events
Submitted by:	Acting Mayor DiPaola

Whereas a 2018 Compliance Audit completed by Brook Laker and Associates (SRCFS.18.044) recommended that a policy for Council Members' events be developed for the beginning of the 2018-2022 term of Council, to be consistent with the Members of Council Expense Policy and include direction on eligible expenditures, appropriate signing and approval authorities, and regular on-line reporting on the City's website;

And whereas Council considered a report from staff (SRCFS.18.049) on December 11, 2018 which provided a proposed Member of Council Community Event Policy to address this direction;

And whereas Council received SRCFS.18.049 only, meaning that the policy was not enacted;

And whereas the goal of transparency and accountability has therefore not be addressed with respect to Council Community Events, which are defined as a social or fundraising event planned by a Member (or by a Member and Staff acting on behalf of the Member), that has a broad community, cultural or celebratory focus, and is not related to the business, services or decisions of Council or Richmond Hill;

And whereas other Ontario municipalities, such as Brampton, recognize the important work of Members of Council in supporting charitable causes and the need for transparency in Members' involvement and set out parameters for this;

And whereas given the restrictions of the current COVID-19 pandemic, in-person Council Community Events are not being scheduled;

Now therefore Be It Resolved:

That Council declare a moratorium on all Council fundraising and sponsorship for Council Community Events and freeze current funds held by the City for this purpose; and

That staff be directed to report back in the fall of 2021 with a policy that addresses fundraising and sponsorship by Council members for Council events and the use of these funds for Council's consideration.

Moved by: Acting Mayor DiPaola

Seconded by: