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Good day Colleagues,

During the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Process, Budget Case P-4 spoke in part to transitioning the temporary barrier in the Public Gallery of Council Chambers to a permanent glass barrier. Business Case P-4 did not receive support and was not implemented thus leaving the temporary barrier in place. Throughout the budget process comments were offered from the public in support for the removal of the temporary barrier that was erected in the Public Gallery in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The removal of the barrier will remove the visual separation of the public from Council and allow for the seating in the front row of the gallery to be utilized once again, thus increasing seating capacity. Staff have confirmed that there is no cost to remove the barrier, other than staff time.

I'm seeking support for the full removal of the temporary barrier via the below motion.

Motion:

That Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to take the necessary steps to remove the temporary barrier and all associated supports from the public gallery of Council Chambers.

It being noted that the temporary barrier will be put into storage.

Submitted by:

Councillor Pelzoza  
Councillor Ward 12 & Budget Chair

Moved By:

Councillor Peter Cuddy  
Councillor Ward 3

Seconded By: