

October 9, 2012

His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council

Re: Motion of Which Notice is Given – Council Meeting of October 9, 2012 Notification to Ward Councillors of Ward-Related Matters

It has been my personal experience that too many IMPORTANT issues pertaining to City business have been happening in my ward without my knowledge. I am finding out about these matters through the media or the area neighbourhood association, rather than through staff. Like any Member of Council, as the ward representative, it is imperative that I know what is occurring in my ward so that I can speak knowledgably with my constituents, and in a timely manner. I do not believe that I have been adequately advised of what's happening that may have a significant impact on my constituency, such as the Heritage District, the future of the Normal School, major road construction, and a change to a very important date for a public participation meeting for the zoning application for a methadone clinic. The Civic Administration should have a communication strategy in place that consistently and proactively advises the Ward Councillors of what City business is happening that will affect their neighbourhoods. With this in mind, I would like to put forward the following motion for adoption:

Moved by Councillor D. Brown, seconded by Councillor B. Polhill

That the City Manager, in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team, develop a communications strategy that will be followed in notifying Ward Councillors about City-related matters affecting their respective wards.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Denise Brown

Councillor, Ward 11

Bud Polhill

Councillor, Ward 1

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