

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Notice of Motion – Municipal Election Campaign Donations

Motion:

That Council direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Premier of Alberta that:

1. Fort Saskatchewan calls for amendments to the *Local Authorities Election Act* to eliminate corporate and union donations for all local election candidates;
2. Should the Legislature move to limit corporate and union contributions for all local elections, that the Province level the playing field by introducing tax credit eligibility for local elections;
3. Restrictions on contributions and related disclosure requirements be the same for third party advocacy groups/individuals as they are for municipal candidates; and
4. The letter be submitted on behalf of City of Fort Saskatchewan Council by October 1, 2015.

Purpose:

To determine if Council wishes to support Councillor Randhawa's motion.

Background:

At the August 25, 2015 regular Council meeting, Councillor Randhawa presented a notice of motion that Council direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Premier of Alberta requesting amendments to the *Local Authorities Election Act* to eliminate corporate and union donations for all local election candidates.

If the above motion is approved, a letter under the Mayor's signature will be submitted by October 1, 2015 to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Premier of Alberta on behalf of City of Fort Saskatchewan Council.

Alternatives:

1. That Council support Councillor Randhawa's motion.
2. That Council not support Councillor Randhawa's motion.

Recommendation:

That Council advise how they wish to proceed.

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