

**Previous Council Direction – From the 2017 December 11 Combined Meeting of Council**



**Report Number:** C2017-1179

**Meeting:** Combined Meeting of Council

**Meeting Date:** 2017 November 20

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**RE: COUNCIL CHAMBER SEATING**

**Sponsoring Councillor(s):** Councillor Keating, Councillor Sutherland

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WHEREAS the Council Chambers seating plan for Members of Council has not been revised in some time;

AND WHEREAS changes in Council can only be made through a request to the Mayor from two Members of Council;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no mechanism for a full reshuffle of Council seating arrangements;

AND WHEREAS regular seating changes could encourage more positive interactions between Councillors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Clerks randomly generate a new seating plan for Members of Council after each Organizational Meeting;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that these changes come into effect after the Organizational Meeting in 2018.

**Excerpt from the Minutes of the 2017 December 11 Combined Meeting of Council:**

“COUNCIL CHAMBER SEATING, C2017-1179

**Moved by** Councillor Gondek

**Seconded by** Councillor Farkas

**Amendment:**

That the first Be It Resolved paragraph be amended by adding the words "after taking into account accessibility and ergonomic issues" following the words "Now therefore be it resolved that".

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by** Councillor Keating  
**Seconded by** Councillor Sutherland

That with respect to Notice of Motion C2017-1179, the following be adopted, **as amended:**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED **after taking into account accessibility and ergonomic issues**, that the City Clerk's Office randomly generate a new seating plan for Members of Council after each Organizational Meeting;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that these changes come into effect after the Organizational Meeting in 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For: (8) Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Davison, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Jones, Councillor Keating, and Councillor Sutherland  
Against: (7) Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Magliocca, and Councillor Woolley

**MOTION CARRIED"**

**Excerpt from the Minutes of the 2020 October 26 Organizational Meeting of Council:**

**"Moved by** Councillor Farkas  
**Seconded by** Councillor Chu

That with respect to Report C2020-1181, the following be adopted:

That, given the Covid-19 Pandemic and remote meeting protocols, Council maintain the current 2019-2020 Council Seating Plan for another year, effective 2020 October 27 until the conclusion of the 2021 October Organizational Meeting of Council.

For: (8) Councillor Carra, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Davison, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Keating, and Councillor Magliocca  
Against: (6) Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Demong, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Sutherland, and Councillor Woolley

**MOTION CARRIED"**