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**Finance and Corporate Services Committee / Comité des finances et des services
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Motion

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for Community Benefits – Information and Options

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Re / Objet : Review of Community Benefits Framework

Moved by / Motion de : Councillor R. King

**WHEREAS the staff report titled, “Policy Framework for Voluntary Donations for
Community Benefits – Information and Options,” provides examples of broader
“community benefits frameworks” and “community benefit agreements”
measures adopted by municipalities, including:**

- **The City of Toronto’s Community Benefits Framework, which “focuses on
ways to maximize the use of City of Toronto levers (such as procurement,
real estate transactions, or financial incentives for specific sectors and
uses) to create inclusive and equitable economic opportunities through
community benefits initiatives,” and**
- **The City of Vancouver’s Community Benefit Agreements Policy, which
seeks to ensure that developers promote growth for the communities they
are investing in through local hiring and social procurement; and**

**WHEREAS the staff report also notes that certain Council-approved initiatives
may incorporate community benefits, such as Council’s approval on November
22, 2023, that Build Ottawa be directed to “incorporate potential community
benefits including, but not be limited to equitable hiring practices, funding for
training, public realm enhancements; and greater accessibility when developing
evaluation criteria for the disposal of surplus lands”; and**

WHEREAS consideration of broader community benefits frameworks/agreements was not in the scope of staff's current review and report regarding matters relating to the solicitation and/or facilitation of donations to the City by Members of Council; and

WHEREAS instead of considering community benefits initiatives in an ad hoc manner, it would be beneficial for City Council to understand the potential effects of adopting a broader community benefits framework, as well as any measures required to implement such a framework;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct staff to:

- 1. Review the potential effects of adopting a community benefits framework for the City of Ottawa, as described in this motion, as well as any measures that would be required for the City to implement such a framework; and**
- 2. Include in this review the experiences to date of relevant municipalities that have a community benefits framework in place, and a consideration of which city department(s) would lead implementation of a community benefit framework in Ottawa should one be pursued; and**
- 3. Report back to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee and City Council no later than the end of Q4 2025**