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The Structural Deficit Continues At City Hall

Toronto City Hall - The structural deficit continued yesterday in Toronto's City Hall as the Executive Committee rejected a request by Toronto City Councillor Paul Ainslie to review the composition of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Transit Commission.

"It was not only a frustrating debate, but for me it verged on disgusting" stated Councillor Ainslie after the meeting. "The TTC is the only transit commission in the entire country completely run by politicians. It really needs to be depoliticized if we hope to see it succeed, and grow."

Councillor Ainslie had spoke on a Notice of Motion he put forward at last month's City Council meeting which was debated in yesterday's Executive Committee. The goal of the Motion was to have the City Manager report back on how the Toronto Transit Committee could look at changing the composition of the Board of Directors which currently consists of nine City Councillors.

"The TTC is focused on a very aggressive expansion of its capital resources" stated Councillor Ainslie "As it embarks on Transit City it is going to have a difficult time meeting its operating obligations with the current structure of its Board of Directors. It really needs to emulate many other transportation systems across North America. Many transit systems have private citizens on their Boards who bring they're expertise in transportation, finance, and engineering backgrounds to the table"

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