

FAQ - Motion MN22-4 - Regina City Council

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What is a motion to Council?

Councillors put forward motions in order to debate them with Council before it is then voted on by the Council in order to declare it approved or dismissed. Often, Councillors put motions forward that they believe will better the community and the people they represent!

What is this motion asking?

Based on a discussion with 2SLGBTQIAP+ people in Regina, Councillor Dan LeBlanc has put forward a motion asking the City Administration to explore a 2SLGBTQIAP+ advisory committee, becoming a 2SLGBTQIAP+ inclusive employer, improving 2SLGBTQIAP+ in city services, better funding for 2SLGBTQIAP+ initiatives, and more.

Is this a motion that will change things happening in the city?

No. Currently, this motion is only asking for a report to explore and understand some of the possibilities that have been put forward by Councillor LeBlanc. What happens with that report is not decided by this motion.

Where can I read the full motion?

You can read the motion in full here: <https://ivydean.ca/mn22-4>

How was this motion created?

Councillor LeBlanc based this motion on a conversation we hosted about 2SLGBTQIAP+ municipal issues on March 5th via Zoom. Over a dozen 2SLGBTQIAP+ people living in Regina came together to make suggestions and brainstorm how to make our community safer, and Councillor LeBlanc wrote this motion based on those items.

There's something in this motion I don't like, or that I think could be made better.

What can I do?

We have been working closely to support Councillor LeBlanc in drafting a meaningful motion. If you have feedback or ideas on how to make it better, you can share that feedback with us and we can share it with Councillor LeBlanc while maintaining your anonymity.

You can also choose to contact Councillor LeBlanc directly and offer your suggestions. Finally, you can reach out to your own City Councillor and ask them to propose an amendment to the motion.

How can I support this motion?

Submit a written submission or request to speak at Council by June 9th at 1PM. Email clerks@regina.ca. Your submission should include your name, your email address, your mailing address, the motion you're speaking about (MN22-4), and a summary of what you'd like to share with Council.

For help in writing or practicing speaking at Council, please reach out to us at info@ivydeanconsulting.ca.

You can also email your City Councillor directly and ask them to support this motion.

When will this motion be debated?

This motion will be debated on June 15th, 2022 by Regina's City Council.

How can I watch to the debate?

You can watch the debate online at <http://reginask.igm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx>.

What communities does this motion affect?

This motion does not immediately affect any communities, it only asks for the City Administration to prepare a report about topics that directly impact the 2SLGBTQIAP+ community.

The topics that will make up the report directly impact the 2SLGBTQIAP+ community, but they also could provide a precedent for representation and equity within the City of Regina for all its constituents, including non-2SLGBTQIAP+ people.

Have other municipalities implemented strategies like the ones alluded to in the motion?

Many other cities such as Vancouver, Toronto, Hamilton, and more have implemented 2SLGBTQIAP+ advisory committees and other effective strategies into their municipalities. This is an opportunity for Regina to lead change within the Prairies.

Isn't this just asking for more gender-inclusive washrooms?

Nope! While gender-inclusive washrooms are a helpful tool in helping members of the gender diverse community feel welcome, there is SO much more work to be done to support the 2SLGBTQIAP+ community, especially at a city level.