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Subject: TikTok on City-issued devices

Good morning Mayor and Council,

As you may have heard, the Government of Canada recently decided to remove the video-sharing social media app TikTok from mobile devices issued to staff, citing privacy and security concerns related to the amount and type of data harvested by the app (e.g. contacts, calendar, keystroke patterns etc.).

Following this decision, several Crown corps, the Province of BC, Metro Vancouver and a number of municipalities in the Lower Mainland have followed suit. We have also be reviewing the use of TikTok app on City-issued devices and the associated privacy risks. At present, TikTok has been installed on 132 City issued mobile devices (approx. 5% of our fleet).

Given the fact that TikTok is not a work-related application and presents potentially significant privacy implications, Tadhg Healy, our Chief Technology Officer and I recommend we proceed with removing the app from City-issued devices.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tadhg or me.

Best,
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