

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM42.11	ACTION			Ward: 20
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Acquisition of Fee Simple Interest Over Railway Lands for Pedestrian Bridge - by Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Heaps

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Heaps recommends that:

1. City Council adopt the recommendations contained in the staff report (November 20, 2009) from the Chief Corporate Officer and the General Manager of Transportation Services.

Summary

This Motion seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with the Canadian National Railway Company and The Toronto Terminals Railway Company Limited to acquire a fee simple interest in the air rights over the lands on the south side of Front Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street, for the purpose of building a pedestrian bridge to connect Portland Street with Dan Leckie Way. An adjustment to the 2010 recommended capital budget for Transportation Services is required to fund the acquisition. Concord Developments Corporation and Cityplace Developments Corporation, as part of their subdivision agreement with the City, are obligated to design and build the pedestrian bridge. However, they have advised that, if the City has not acquired the air rights by early 2010, they will request the Ontario Municipal Board to relieve them from the obligation to construct the pedestrian bridge.

(Submitted to City Council on November 30 and December 1, 2009 as MM42.11)