

NOTICE OF MOTION**Collaboration with the Société d'histoire de Toronto (Toronto Historical Society) on the creation of an Historical Park along the Humber River.****Moved by: Councillor Giambrone** _____**Seconded by: Councillor Milczyn** _____**SUMMARY:**

The Société d'histoire de Toronto's mandate is to develop interest in local French history and help in the preservation of historical sites. For over a decade, they have been strongly advocating for the creation of a historical park or a heritage greenway along the Humber River. The project area is comprised of all public lands along the Humber River, south of Dundas Street to the mouth of the River. This site is one of the richest historical sites in Canada since on this location all three founding people of Canada and Toronto, First Nations, French and British met and traded.

In creating this Historical Park, the Société wishes to take advantage of the existing park and trail network, and to capitalize upon the Humber River's natural and cultural heritage. The Humber was designated a Canadian Heritage River in 1999. The Historical Park will highlight the inter-relationship of the First Nations, French and English – The Shared Path – along the Humber river. To highlight this historical link, the proposed name of the historical park is the *Sentier partagé/Shared Path*.

To raise awareness about this project, the Société d'histoire de Toronto would like to also propose a temporary exhibition about the Historical Park and Toronto's French history at the nearby Old Mill subway station. They would also like to explore whether some sort of permanent historical installation would be feasible at the station that would tie it in to the Historical Park project concept.

The Société d'histoire de Toronto has also received a \$95,000 grant, spread over three years, from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, to inform the public about the *Sentier partagé/Shared Path* and to create a strategic plan to successfully implement the project, in collaboration with various partners.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to have appropriate staff collaborate with The Société d'histoire de Toronto on the creation of a strategic plan to implement the *Sentier partagé/Shared Path* Historical Park Project;
2. That the General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to have appropriate staff collaborate with The Société d'histoire de Toronto on the creation of a

temporary or permanent historical exhibit at Old Mill Station to mark that location's significance to the francophone history of Toronto;

3. That any capital costs associated with this project are to be borne by the Société d'histoire de Toronto and their private sector partners;

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Motions Without Notice:

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	*
Should be referred to the Committee/Community Council Requires two-thirds vote to consider at this meeting	
City Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, agrees that the Motion Recommendations are Urgent – (e.g. Health and Safety)	

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.