
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM52.18	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Opportunities to Enhance the City's Bicycle Trail Network by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Ainslie

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Manager of Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services, to work with Metrolinx to explore all opportunities for a bike trail network running adjacent to the tracks along the Georgetown Corridor, beyond the boundaries of the West Toronto Railpath, and if possible, connecting to the West-Toronto Railpath and other existing trails.
2. City Council direct the Manager of Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services, to report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee on the status of the City's efforts to close the gap in the Humber Trail.

Summary

With the Georgetown South Project and Union-Pearson Rail Link being undertaken there is potential for the City to create a rail path along the rail corridor. City Council, on January 27 and 28, 2009, reaffirmed its interest in seeing the West Toronto Railpath project being accommodated along the tracks of the Georgetown Corridor between Dundas Street and Strachan Avenue; City Council should take this further, and seize the opportunity to develop a railpath along the tracks wherever possible, including north of Dundas Street. Interest has been expressed by residents for the development of a railpath that would run along the tracks for the section of the corridor within Ward 11, with a desire to see it connect to the West Toronto Railpath. There may also be opportunity in other sections of the corridor beyond Ward 11 for a railpath, which is something that warrants exploration.

In addition to the opportunity to develop a railpath along the Georgetown Corridor beyond the area included in the West Toronto Railpath project, the construction being undertaken by GO (Metrolinx) for the Georgetown South Project may also afford the opportunity to fill in the gap on the section of the Humber Trail between Cruickshank Park and Cardell Avenue.

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