

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM34.3	ACTION			Ward:6
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Park Lawn GO - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B to work with Metrolinx to consider further the feasibility of a Park Lawn GO Station on the Lakeshore West GO Corridor to coincide with and support potential future development in the vicinity, and to report back to City Council as appropriate, including the identification of potential contributions for a new station from private partners.

Summary

South Etobicoke is experiencing unprecedented growth, particularly in the Humber Bay Shores area. Over the next few years, there will be approximately 28,000 residents living within a few square kilometres. Much of the density in the area was not supported by the City, but later approved by the Province at the Ontario Municipal Board, with no consideration for the pressures this would place on municipal infrastructure, particularly local transit. The current transit service is not enough to support the needs of current and future Etobicoke-Lakeshore residents.

In 2015, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted a motion to protect for a future GO rail stop on the Mr. Christie's property. The City is currently awaiting an application for the 27-acre site, now owned by First Capital Realty. First Capital has expressed interest in working with Metrolinx, the community and the City to support transit on the property.

In 2016, Metrolinx released its "GO Regional Express Rail 10-Year Program: New Station Analysis" report. Park Lawn GO was included for initial consideration. Ultimately, it was not included on the 10-year shortlist of stations selected for further expansion.

The station was rejected for reasons outlined in the Metrolinx Business Case evaluation for Park Lawn GO, which did not take account for possible rezoning of the Christie site (subject to

Ontario Municipal Board appeal) as well as First Capital's willingness to contribute to being a funding partner for transit.

Residents frequently cite the lack of parking and transit service to existing GO stations in South Etobicoke. Many residents travel from all areas of both Ward 5 and Ward 6 to access Kipling, Long Branch and Mimico stations. It is difficult to encourage residents to leave their cars at home if accessible, reliable public transit options are not available.

Traffic congestion is already at an all-time high across the City, and the situation will only worsen in coming years without adequate transit. An additional station in the Humber Bay Shores (Park Lawn GO) will provide thousands of residents with a reliable transit option to help get them where they need to go quickly, while taking pressure off our already overburdened infrastructure.

Background Information (City Council)

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