

Executive Committee

Meeting No.	12	Contact	Julie Amoroso, Council Administrator
Meeting Date	Thursday, January 23, 2020	Phone	416-392-4666
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	exc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Mayor John Tory

EX12.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Ravine Strategy Implementation

Committee Recommendations

The Executive Committee recommends that:

1. City Council adopt the items outlined in Figure 1 in the report (January 8, 2020) from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Toronto Water as the key next steps to implement the Ravine Strategy over the next ten years.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the General Manager, Toronto Water, the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Services, in consultation with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to report back as part of the 2021 budget process with a proposed plan, including funding options, to address the capital investment need for service improvements in the initial ten Priority Investment Areas as identified in Figure 4 in the report (January 8, 2020) from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Toronto Water and other projects as appropriate, any staffing requirements to support the implementation of the Ravine Strategy and any associated operating impacts of capital.
3. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to advance a Ravine Campaign in consultation with ravine leadership advisors for the purpose of raising additional funds to support and accelerate implementation of the Ravine Strategy.
4. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in coordination with the General Manager, Transportation Services, to negotiate and enter into the appropriate agreements with Evergreen and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority regarding the advancement of the Loop Trail project as described in Section 5.1 of the report (January 8, 2020) from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Toronto Water, on terms satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

5. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to develop and implement the 'InTO Ravines: Nature at your doorstep' program, as described in Section 5.2 of the report (January 8, 2020) from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Toronto Water.

6. City Council request the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to consider in the phased funding strategy, the implementation of items that emphasize the Protect and Restoration components in the early years.

7. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation in consultation with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and other partners to:

- a. develop a student internship program for youth to engage in restoring Toronto's ravines as part of the Ravine Strategy Implementation Plan;
- b. work with Social Development, Finance and Administration and People and Equity to help develop a recruitment strategy focusing on Neighbourhood Improvement Areas; and
- c. report to the Economic and Community Development Committee with an update in the second quarter of 2020.

8. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation in partnership with the General Manager, Toronto Water and the General Manager, Transportation Services to seek funding from other levels of government to advance the Ravine Strategy Implementation.

9. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, General Manager, Toronto Water and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, to report on the advancement of the Ravine Strategy's objectives every five years.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation gave a presentation on Ravine Strategy Implementation.

The Executive Committee:

1. Referred Recommendation 2 in the report (January 8, 2020) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning; and the General Manager, Toronto Water to the Budget Committee, as follows:

2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to request as part of the 2021 Operating Budget process, for consideration, the following:

- a. the necessary operating funds to support the creation of a dedicated Ravine Litter Cleanup program, with an estimated annual cost of \$0.657 million, including timelines for phasing in this service level increase; and
- b. operating funding to support enhanced invasive species management and ecological restoration in ravines, estimated at \$2.050 million annually at full implementation.

2. Requested the Budget Committee to advance the Ravine Litter Pick-Up program (\$0.657 million) and the operating support to enhanced invasive species management and ecological restoration in ravines (\$0.600 million) from 2021 to 2020 through the 2020 Operating Budget of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Origin

(January 8, 2020) Report from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Toronto Water.

Communications

(January 18, 2020) E-mail from Sharon Lovett (EX.Supp.EX12.1.1)

(January 20, 2020) E-mail from Sheila White (EX.Supp.EX12.1.2)

(January 21, 2020) E-mail from Karen Yukich (EX.Supp.EX12.1.3)

(January 21, 2020) E-mail from Omar McDadi, Rouge National Urban Park Parks Canada, Government of Canada (EX.Supp.EX12.1.4)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100635.pdf>)

(January 21, 2020) E-mail from Ellen Schwartzel, Toronto Field Naturalists (EX.Supp.EX12.1.5)

(January 22, 2020) Letter from Leslie Gooding, ProtectNatureTO (EX.Supp.EX12.1.6)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100675.pdf>)

(January 22, 2020) Letter from John Bossons and Tim Ross - Midtown Ravines Group (EX.Supp.EX12.1.7)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100680.pdf>)

(January 22, 2020) E-mail from Hamish Wilson (EX.Supp.EX12.1.8)

(January 22, 2020) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (EX.Supp.EX12.1.9)

(January 22, 2020) Letter from Linda Brett, President, Bloor East Neighbourhood Association (EX.Supp.EX12.1.10)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100690.pdf>)

(January 23, 2020) Letter from Lenka Holubec (EX.Supp.EX12.1.11)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100645.pdf>)

(January 23, 2020) Letter from Edward McDonnell, Greenbelt Foundation (EX.Supp.EX12.1.12)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100708.pdf>)

(January 23, 2020) Letter from Deborah Briggs, Summerhill Residents Association (EX.Supp.EX12.1.13)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100709.pdf>)

(January 23, 2020) Letter from Alexandra (Alix) Link, Humber Arboretum (EX.Supp.EX12.1.14)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100692.pdf>)

(January 23, 2020) Submission from John Bossons - Midtown Ravines Group (EX.New.EX12.1.15)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ex/comm/communicationfile-100701.pdf>)

Speakers

Harry Jongerden, Toronto Botanical Garden

Jenny Davis, High Park Nature Centre

Cynthia Crysler

Irene Vandertop, Don't Mess with the Don

Linda Brett, Bloor Street East Neighbourhood Association

John Bossons, Midtown Ravines Group

Dave Harvey, Park People

Jonas Hamberg, University of Waterloo
Andrew Simpson
Hamza Rustom
Rashid Adam
Sami Murad
Pat Concessi
Darlene McKee, Toronto Camino Community
Ellen Schwartzel, Toronto Field Naturalists
Leslie Gooding, PNTD
Julia Michalski
Tim Ross
Laura Curran , University of Toronto
Lauren South, University of Toronto
Justin Rai
Hamish Wilson
Teri Hoang, Toronto Ravine Revitalization Science
Catherine Berka, Toronto Ravine Revitalization Science
Paul Scrivener, Toronto Ravine Revitalization Science
Cam Collyer, Evergreen
Jessica Rudolph
Daniela Puric-Mladenovic, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto
Councillor Jennifer McKelvie
Councillor Mike Layton