

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM28.20	ACTION			Ward: 14
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Pocket Change Plus - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Toronto Environment Office and the relevant Division Heads to support the next phase of Pocket Change in which SNAP will be involved to ensure that maximum environment contributions are achieved from each of the Divisions that will be part of the project; and City Council request staff to submit a status update on the Pocket Change plan at the September 14, 2021 meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee.
2. City Council request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Community Housing Corporation and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to become part of this larger Pocket project to determine opportunities for environmental transformation and to identify appropriate staff who would can be part of the development of a larger institutional environmental project.
3. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services to invite the Toronto District School Board/Toronto Lands Corporation to be a part of this larger institutional project.
4. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, in consultation with the Executive Director, Toronto Environment Office, to engage a consultant in collaboration with the institutional partners and SNAP project leaders to determine scope and opportunities for environmental upgrades including identification of State of Good Repair for each of the project partners for the next 5 to 10 years.
5. City Council direct that, in collaboration with the local Councillor, a Working Table be constructed for the institutional aspect of the project and City Council request staff to submit a report on the scope and opportunities for the project to the September 14, 2021 meeting of Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

Summary

The Pocket is a community in Toronto's East End bounded by Jones Avenue, the rail Tracks, Greenwood Avenue and the Danforth.

Through the Pocket Community Association a neighbourhood project called "Pocket Change" was created some years ago to reduce its environmental footprint with the development of a neighborhood wide home retrofit project as well as other environmental interventions

The Pocket already hosts one of the City's oldest community gardens and was a neighbourhood leader in providing car share spots long before it became popular. There is one zero net emissions home and another sustainable home. It is a good neighbourhood to have such a project. The community undertook a successful tree planting project for the ROWs and have successfully worked on Vision Zero initiatives.

Since inception they have been working closely with the City's Environment Office. Recently Pocket Change was selected by SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan) as a project deserving of their assistance. SNAP already assists Black Creek and Weston neighbourhoods in the ongoing development and implementation of their neighbourhood environmental plan. In the development of these plans, support from City divisional experts is critical.

Outside of residential homes, the Pocket also hosts considerable City and public infrastructure – Greenwood TTC Subway yards, the Toronto Community Housing Phin Community and the City's Phin Park. As well, the Toronto District School Board's First Nations Junior and Senior School, formerly Eastern Commerce Collegiate Institute, is sited here. Environmental sustainability and transformation of City related properties can complement the existing Pocket Change project.

Background Information (City Council)

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