MOTION

City Purchase of the Don Mills Post Office

Moved by: Councillor Minnan-Wong

SUMMARY:

Canada Post recently listed the Don Mills Post Office at 169 The Donway West for sale. The facility is to close by the end of October and relocate to Wynford Dr.

A new home for the Don Mills Civitan Arena is a priority for Parks, Forestry and Recreation as the arena will close by 2020 per a settlement between the City and Cadillac Fairview on Phase Two of the Don Mills Centre Redevelopment. This settlement included a contribution by Cadillac Fairview of $4.5 million towards locating the Don Mills Civitan Arena elsewhere. At present, there appears to be little or no progress in finding a new home for the Don Mills Civitan Arena.

At 1.33 acres, the Don Mills Post Office site may be too small for a two-pad arena plus requisite parking. However, if the city were to negotiate an agreement with Cadillac Fairview for use of parking at the Shops at Don Mills, perhaps the site could accommodate a stacked two-pad arena.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. North York Community Council direct Parks, Forestry and Recreation to evaluate the suitability of the Don Mills Post Office site at 169 The Donway West for a new stacked two-pad arena.

2. North York Community Council direct Parks, Forestry and Recreation to initiate discussion with Canada Post about a possible purchase of the Don Mills Post Office by the city and with Cadillac Fairview about the possibility of Cadillac Fairview accommodating parking at the Shops at Don Mills for arena patrons.

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