
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM11.6	ACTION			Ward:10
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Re-Instatement of the Bathurst-Finch Community Bus - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti

**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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission to re-instate the Bathurst-Finch Community Bus no later than January 1, 2012.
2. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission to conduct community consultations to finalize the bus route.

Summary

The re-instatement of the Bathurst-Finch Community Bus will enhance the quality of life for seniors and others in this community. Wheel-Trans operates community bus routes in neighbourhoods with a high density of seniors, medical facilities, community facilities and shopping centres. Based on 2006 data, 4,645 seniors over the age of 65 lived in the Bathurst-Finch community. There were 15,914 ambulatory visits in 2008 by people over the age of 60 to the local hospital, North York General Hospital-Branson, according to Central LHIN data. There are also thousands of residents either with disabilities or without vehicles.

Currently, TTC routes in the neighbourhood do not provide the accessibility required by the seniors and others in the area. The Community Bus would operate on regular schedules along fixed routes from popular locations and connect to accessible bus or subway stops.

Re-instatement of the Bathurst-Finch Community Bus would not have a significant impact on the TTC budget. Passengers are expected to pay full TTC fares.

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