

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM25.6	ACTION			Ward:17
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Construction of a Parkette at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard (PE14.7) - Removal of the Matter from the Parks and Environment Committee - by Councillor Norman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Cesar Palacio

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** The Parks and Environment Committee currently has jurisdiction for this subject matter. A two thirds vote is required to remove Item PE14.7 from the Committee's jurisdiction.*

Recommendations

Councillor Norman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Cesar Palacio, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to take the necessary steps required to begin construction of the Northcliffe Parkette, which includes the following:
 - a. amending the Shared Use Agreement dated October 1, 2011 between the City of Toronto and the Toronto Catholic District School Board ("TCDSB") to allow for the development of TCDSB land for public use; and
 - b. amending the Shared Use Agreement to allow for a 20-year, non-terminable licence only with respect to the Northcliffe Parkette.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, to sign any ancillary agreements relating to the construction of the Northcliffe Parkette, provided they are satisfactory in form and content to the General Manager and the City Solicitor.

Summary

The Parks and Environment Committee meeting scheduled for June 19, 2012 had before it an Item on the construction of a Parkette at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard (Item PE14.7). The Committee's meeting did not take place and as a result, Item PE14.7 has been deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee in September.

This Motion seeks to remove Item PE14.7 from the Parks and Environment Committee and bring it forward to City Council for consideration at the July 11 and 12, 2012 meeting.

Policy and Finance Committee Report 7, Clause 1 identified the northwest corner of St. Clair

Ave. W. and Northcliffe Blvd. as a potential site for the creation of a public square or Parkette which was subsequently adopted by City Council at its meeting on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004.

In the report City Council acknowledged a need to connect the public spaces along St. Clair Avenue West from Yonge Street to Gunns Road (just west of Keele Street) with Park space. Section 4.5 of this report identified the property at the northwest corner of St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard which is owned by the Toronto Catholic District School Board, as a potential site for a project to create a public square or Parkette. After further investigation and community consultations, City staff determined that the project had merit and would proceed.

The City's civic improvement program, administered by the Urban Design section of the City Planning Division has allocated approximately \$500,000 toward this capital project. Both Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff along with staff from the Toronto Catholic District School Board have met and agree in principle for the City to invest this capital into this location to build what would be known as Northcliffe Parkette for use of the general public.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has approved the project and it is ready to proceed pending final authorization by Toronto City Council. The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation has indicated that he requires the authority from Council as outlined in this Motion in order to begin construction on this park and utilize the funds that have been budgeted for this year.

(Submitted to City Council on July 11 and 12, 2012 as MM25.6)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM25.6