

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM25.26	ACTION			Ward:10
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Assessing the viability of "Zip-Lining" through Earl Bales Park - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Josh Colle

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to work with other City agencies and private partnerships to develop a long-term, sustainable ravine management, education, and recreation program at Earl Bales Park.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to review the Division's policies and other City policies, to identify conflicts, and propose by-law amendments aimed at the adoption and development of a ravine education and protection program at Earl Bales Park.
3. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to City Council by November, 2012 on a strategic path with recommendations to implement a "zip lining" opportunity in Earl Bales Park.

Summary

The City of Toronto has been approached by a group proposing a private/public partnership through the delivery of a "zip lining" attraction in Earl Bales Park located in Ward 10. Early consultations have identified various components of such a potential partnership, including but not exclusive to:

1. it supports and promotes environmental stewardship, nurtures social and physical development of children and youth, and supports lifelong physical activity among all Toronto residents;
2. the creation of 6-10 full-time year-round positions, 40-50 full-time summer positions with 10-12 positions extending to 9 months or more;
3. revenue generation for the City of Toronto;

4. enhancement of existing facilities used at the Park for winter activities but largely unused the rest of the year;
5. enhancement and protection of ravines and Park area; and
6. opportunity to establish Toronto as an innovator in urban eco-recreation and education.

(Submitted to City Council on July 11 and 12, 2012 as MM25.26)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM25.26