Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM27.19	ACTION			Ward:All

Request to ensure fill from Metrolinx Projects is available for Park Creation Projects on Toronto and Region Conservation Area and City Lands - by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday

**** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.***
**** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.***
**** This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.***

Recommendations

Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the City Manager to work with Metrolinx and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to identify opportunities for uses of surplus clean fill material for public benefit and report back to the Executive Committee on ways and means to maximize the public benefit of fill emanating from construction projects within the City of Toronto.

Summary

Metrolinx will be awarding contracts to remove fill from various locations across the City of Toronto and has already awarded a contract for material associated with a significant portion of the Eglinton Cross Town Project. The need to remove fill from the various transit related projects will continue for about six years and will amount to thousands of truck loads of fill. These contracts will be awarded to private haulers who will ship the fill to sites that are suitable and are also the most economical. It would be advantageous to the City of Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to have sites available where at least some of this material might be used to accelerate park creation projects while not delaying critical transit construction projects. The TRCA has utilized this type of surplus material in the past to create both waterfront and inland parks and habitat features. Environmental assessments are currently underway to develop plans for sites where some of this surplus material could be utilized.

This motion is urgent because the City and Metrolinx should consider sites that may have a public benefit and make provision in future contracts, where appropriate, to encourage haulers to take advantage of park construction projects where large volumes of fill are required, if and when such sites are available, and where such opportunities will provide cost savings to

Metrolinx.

(Sumbitted to City Council on October 30 and 31, 2012 as MM27.19)

Background Information (City Council)

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