City Council

Motion without Notice

MM41.30	ACTION			Ward:29
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Preserving Green Space and Flood Mitigation on Hillside Drive - by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette

- * Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
- * This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
- * This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.

Recommendations

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

- 1. City Council direct the General Manager of Transportation Services to report back to Toronto and East York Community Council on access and right-of-way issues and mechanisms to restrict further access to Hillside Drive for properties fronting onto Broadview Avenue, between Pottery Road and Gamble Avenue who already have driveway access from Broadview Avenue.
- 2. City Council direct that no further access permits from Hillside Drive be granted until City Council considers the report from the General Manager, Transportation Services.

Summary

Recently access has been granted by Transportation Services to the rear of a property fronting onto Broadview Avenue from Hillside Drive that did not previously have access to the rear of the property. Hillside Drive has an unusual profile comprised of a discontinuous road allowance (two parts of the street separated by a closed portion which results in two small cul de sacs with a small green space and trees), the west side of the street with houses and conventional parking access, an on-street parking area with spaces perpendicular to the street, a large property that fronts on Broadview with no access to Hillside and several other properties with access on the east side. This mix of access conditions, parking arrangements and the closed street and green space has resulted in concerns being expressed by area residents about the loss of the existing small green space and potential related overland storm water flooding resulting from the reduction of green space in both the backyards and the road allowance.

Prior to any further access permits being granted, it is appropriate that staff report back on these concerns and any measures that may be appropriate to address the unusual conditions and the concerns that have arisen.

This Motion is urgent, as other property owners are seeking changes at this time which could exacerbate the situation.

(Submitted to City Council on November 13 and 14, 2013 as MM41.30)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM41.30 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-63711.pdf)