

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

MM41.38	ACTION			Ward:All
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### **Preserving Green Space including the Bannockburn Site - by Councillor Karen Stintz, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle**

*\* 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 Karen Stintz, seconded by Councillor Joshe Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council inform Toronto Lands Corporation that it has an interest in the 2.138 acres of land at the western portion of Bannockburn Public School site under Ont. Regulation 444/98 of the *Education Act*.
2. City Council request the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to examine funding opportunities based on the future development's parkland dedication potential under Section 42 of the Planning Act, that the Avenue Road Avenue By-law permits in order to fund the purchase the surplus lands at Bannockburn Public School and other funding opportunities.
3. City Council direct City staff to meet with Toronto Lands Corporation and Toronto District School Board staff to develop a strategy in which surplus school board lands would not be sold in areas that are within the lowest and second lowest existing local parkland provision areas as shown on Map 8B of the Official Plan.
4. City Council request the Province to reconsider its funding formula for capital expenditures for school boards to ensure that when school properties are an essential part of the open space/park network that they are retained as such.

#### **Summary**

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is selling parcels of land throughout Toronto to accommodate the Provincial requirements to replenish their capital account in order to fund the construction and renovation of schools.

The Bannockburn site in Ward 16, Eglinton-Lawrence, is currently rented to a Montessori school by the TDSB. The site is five acres in total. 2.138 acres of the playing field on the west portion of the site will be sold, the other portion of the site will be retained to facilitate a junior elementary school, if needed.

Under the current zoning permissions, the severed land could potentially be developed into single family homes, robbing the community of valuable green space.

In 2010, City Council enacted a Zoning By-law implementing the Avenue Road Avenue Study that changed the zoning along Avenue Road from Lawrence to Wilson.

This By-law permits as of right mixed use buildings along the Avenue Road corridor at a density of 3 FSI. As each building gets developed, a parkland dedication is required under Section 42 of the Planning Act.

This neighbourhood is in the second lowest existing local parkland provision area as indicated on Map 8B of the Official Plan.

There are limited opportunities to acquire parkland in the area bounded by Yonge Street, Wilson Avenue, Bathurst Street and Lawrence Avenue West.

This Motion is urgent as severed land at the Bannockburn Site could potentially be developed into single family homes, robbing the community of valuable green space.

(Submitted to City Council on November 13 and 14, 2013 as MM41.38)

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM41.38