Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM50.42  ACTION  Ward:23

Request to Expropriate 63 Princess Avenue for the Expansion of Willowdale Linear Park - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor David Shiner

* 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 John Filion, seconded by Councillor David Shiner, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize City staff to initiate the expropriation process to acquire 63 Princess Avenue, including serving and publishing Notices of Application for Approval to Expropriate, forwarding to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for hearing received, attending at the hearing to present the City’s position, and reporting the Inquiry Officer’s recommendation to Council for its consideration along with identification of funding sources for the expropriation, with the condition that recovery be sought from development process commitments for parkland acquisition.

Summary
At its meeting of July 11, 12 and 13, 2012, City Council approved Official Plan Amendment, Zoning Amendment, Site Plan and Rental Housing Demolition Applications – 5220 to 5224 Yonge Street, 78 Ellerslie and 32 Churchill Avenue. A condition of Council approval was to require the applicant to acquire an offsite parkland dedication in fulfillment of their statutory parkland dedication requirement.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation identified 63 Princess Avenue as a key property to facilitate the expansion of Willowdale Linear Park. The applicant has made several attempts to acquire the subject property and to date has been unsuccessful.

This Motion seeks authority to commence expropriation proceedings for 63 Princess Avenue, legally known as Plan 1609, Lot 216, Pt Lot 217 and RP 64R8926 Part 1.

This matter is urgent as the owner of 63 Princess Avenue has applied for demolition and building permit applications.

(Submitted to City Council on April 1 and 2, 2014 as MM50.42)

Background Information (City Council)
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