

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM52.17	ACTION			Ward:All
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Community Notification with Respect to the Declaration of City Land as Surplus and the Disposal of the Land - by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Mike Del Grande

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Mike Del Grande, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the process by which City land is declared surplus and sold so that:
 - a. notification is required in the form of signage placed on site at the designated property, identical to that which is required for development proposals in terms of signage size and placement;
 - b. the signage is placed on the site for a period of no less than 60 days prior to the commencement of the process of declaring any City land as being surplus and is to remain on site until the process is complete, either with the determination that the land is not surplus or the land is declared surplus and sold; and
 - c. the signage is also to include a notation that local residents may seek to purchase the land if declared surplus and offered for sale.

Summary

The current process of review with respect to the declaration of City land as being surplus and the subsequent sale of this land if confirmed as surplus, does not adequately provide for an acceptable level of public consultation with residents and businesses in the areas surrounding these lands. A recent example took place in Scarborough where an informal "green space" used by residents of a community for over 60 years was declared surplus and sold. Residents were not adequately made aware of this until they were notified of a development proposal (three years after the sale) and this has resulted understandably in considerable consternation within the community. It is imperative that the process be amended to ensure that residents are fully informed throughout the process of the disposal of City land deemed to be surplus.

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Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM52.17