

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM55.72	ACTION			Ward:All
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Community Notification Regarding Disposal of City Land - Deferral of Implementation - by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Mike Del Grande

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Member Motion MM52.17. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.*

Recommendations

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

1. City Council defer implementation of the community notification process adopted in Item MM52.17 and direct the Chief Corporate Officer to report in the first quarter of 2015 on implications and recommendations regarding MM52.17.

Summary

Member Motion MM52.17 headed "Community Notification with Respect to the Declaration of City Land as Surplus and the Disposal of the Land" was adopted by Council at its meeting held on June 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2014 (the "Directive"). It provides (among other things) that the process by which City land is declared surplus and sold be amended to: (i) require community notification in the form of signage on a property at least 60 days before commencing the process of declaring City land surplus; and (ii) require such signage to include a notation that local residents may seek to purchase the land if declared surplus and offered for sale.

In developing an implementation plan for the Directive, staff have identified that effecting the Directive in its current form may adversely impact land requirements for strategic City initiatives such as various Metrolinx projects (including the Union-Pearson Airport link and the 2015 PanAm Games), Rouge National Urban Park, and Waterfront Toronto.

In addition, the wording as adopted impacts leases over 21 years, land exchanges and development proposals that may be beneficial to the City and frequently supported by the local Councillor, small parcels of land appropriate for sale to specific parties (often the adjoining owner), and disposals intended to support City objectives. The Directive's component requiring local residents to be advised that they may seek to purchase land in these types of transactions may lead to the mistaken belief by residents that they might be successful in

purchasing the land.

Staff require an opportunity to analyze the impact and identify outcomes which result from this Directive and bring forward recommendations that will take into account strategic City initiatives and the integrity of the disposal process while addressing concerns regarding public notification.

Requires Re-opening:

Member Motion MM52.17 – adopted by City Council June 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2014.

(Submitted to City Council on August 25 and 26, 2014 as MM55.72)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM55.72