

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Commemorating the History of Immigrant Communities in the Bloor and Bathurst Neighbourhood - by Councillor Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Director, Public Realm, Transportation Services and the Director, Museum and Heritage Services, Economic Development and Culture, to begin a process to commemorate the immigrant communities along Bathurst Street, from Dupont Street to Lake Ontario, and that this be undertaken in consultation with appropriate City Divisions, community members, the local Business Improvement Areas and residents associations, and the local Ward Councillors.

Summary

This Motion seeks to give authority to City Staff to begin a process to commemorate the history of the immigrant communities who have settled and worked in the Bathurst and Bloor neighbourhood, and to improve the public realm by way of these commemorative installations.

The recently approved Bathurst Street Study recommends improving the Public Realm along the entire length of Bathurst Street between Queen Street West and Dupont Street. Commemorative installations support these recommendations and would be a unique opportunity to create a Public Realm that reflects the community's history and vision for the area. Funding for public realm improvements is available from nearby developments.

In 1870, the stretch of road north of Queen Street, formally known as Crookshanks Lane, was renamed for Henry Bathurst, 3rd Earl Bathurst and British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who organized migration from the British Isles to Canada after the War of 1812. Since then, Bathurst Street has been a gathering place for new immigrants to Canada. Bathurst Street became a cultural hub, home to the first Caribbean grocery store, as well as record stores that carried the first reggae and R&B records, barber shops and beauty parlors, Golden Boy and Lloyd's. Bathurst was the home of Beverley Mascoll, a pioneering business woman and community activist, and where publisher Dan Gooding, Jr. and Editor J. Ashton Braithwaite

launched Spear: Canada's Truth and Soul Magazine in Toronto in 1971.

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Background Information (City Council)

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