Expression of Interest in the Provincial Lands at 11 Brock Avenue -
Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations
Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to advise Infrastructure Ontario that the City of Toronto has an interest in the property at 11 Brock Avenue.

2. City Council direct the City Manager to request a meeting with Infrastructure Ontario and the Ministry of Economic Development Employment and Infrastructure to discuss options for developing the site at 11 Brock Avenue with the purpose of building affordable housing.

Summary
The Province of Ontario, through its agency Infrastructure Ontario, is presently working towards the sale of surplus property located at the municipal address 11 Brock Avenue in Toronto.

The City of Toronto and the Government of Ontario have a mandate to create affordable housing in mixed-use neighbourhoods where people can thrive and access the services and employment they need. Access to affordable housing is a known indicator of quality of life and a social determinant of health. However, Ontario is in a deficit of affordable housing for its residents. There are over 150,000 families and individuals waiting for social housing in Ontario, and more than half of these households are in Toronto.

The property at 11 Brock Avenue provides a unique opportunity to work with the Province of Ontario to create much needed new affordable housing at this location.

This matter is deemed urgent as the deadline for responding will be 20 days from receipt of notice. The City Clerk has been advised by Infrastructure Ontario that the notice will be sent on June 30, 2015.

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM8.19