

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM11.13	ACTION			Ward:10, 15, 16
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**Addressing Safety Concerns with the Bathurst-Wilson Bridge - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle**

*\* 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to facilitate a meeting in the next 60 days with Ontario Ministry of Transportation staff, City of Toronto staff, Toronto Hydro staff and local City Councillors with the purpose of the formulating a plan to immediately address safety concerns regarding the Bathurst-Wilson bridge.

**Summary**

The bridge just south of the Bathurst Street and Wilson Avenue intersection is in a state of serious disrepair and is scheduled for construction in the second quarter 2016. There are serious concerns as to whether the work can wait that long. The bridge, sidewalks, safety guard, lighting and general upkeep has deteriorated to such a point that the pedestrians and motorists of the affected area are at risk unless something is done immediately.

For example:

- In other sections the railing is bent and/or broken;
- The lighting is old and totally inadequate, with several fixtures completely broken and/or the bulbs have burnt out;
- The road and sidewalk surfaces are such that there is an increasing risk for seniors, the disabled and parents with children; and
- The leaking of the bridge causes a buildup of ice on the sidewalk and roadway, and the dirt and grime on the surrounding walls is unsightly and possibly a health hazard.

In May 2015, Councillors James Pasternak, Josh Colle and Christin Carmichael Greb, whose wards the bridge intersects, sent a letter to the Senior Project Engineer at the Ministry of Transportation on the repair project.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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