

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Establishing Better Coordination Between Development and Business Improvement Area Streetscape Improvement Plans - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report back in the first quarter of 2017 on a standard City-wide protocol to ensure a coordinated approach to streetscaping within Business Improvement Areas.

Summary

The City of Toronto is home to dozens of Business Improvement Areas. These Business Improvement Areas contribute to the success of business in the City and help to create their own identities as part of their marketing programs. One of elements of this identity is often achieved through a streetscape improvement plan.

City staff work with the Business Improvement Areas in developing and implementing these streetscape programs. Part of that work is to ensure that when new development occurs within the boundaries of a Business Improvement Area that it implements the standard streetscape palate through the approval process. This is especially important in situations where there is a new development happening at the same time as Business Improvement Area streetscape improvement is being developed.

This Motion requests the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to work with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and the General Manager, Transportation Services, to create a standard City-wide protocol for streetscape improvements within Business Improvement Areas.

City staff from City Planning and Economic Development and Culture were consulted in the preparation of this Motion.

This Motion is urgent as there are multiple development projects currently underway on streets where Business Improvement Areas are undertaking streetscape improvement plans and it is essential that the City establish a standard protocol to ensure that developers adhere to the Business Improvement Area standard streetscape palate through the approval process.

Background Information (City Council)

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