

City Council

Motion Without Notice

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Do-it-Yourself (DIY) Skateboard Spaces - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis

** 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 Janet Davis, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, to consult with the Ward 18 Do-it-Yourself (DIY) Skateboard group and the Toronto Skateboard Advisory Committee on the need and opportunities for DIY skateboard space other skateboard facilities in the west-end of Toronto.

Summary

Skateboarding is an increasingly popular activity in the City of Toronto. In response, Council will consider approval of a Skateboard Strategy developed by Parks, Forestry and Recreation in consultation with the Toronto Skateboard Advisory Committee at this Council meeting.

Recently, in Ward 18 Davenport, a group of young people constructed a skate park on an under-utilized, dead-end, industrial street without proper consultations or permissions. This type of structure is known as a DIY (Do-it-Yourself) skateboard amenity. It has since been removed by the City.

Other Canadian jurisdictions such as Montreal and Vancouver have developed policies to allocate DIY skateboard spaces and engage young people in the process.

In light of the incident in Ward 18, there is an obvious need to investigate the possibility of developing policies and procedures to do the same here in Toronto, in consultation with the Toronto Skateboard Advisory Committee and the broader skateboarding community.

Background Information (City Council)

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