

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM23.19	ACTION			Ward:23
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255 Ellerslie Avenue - Collection of Construction-Related Fees by Transportation Services - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson

** 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 John Filion, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the extent of the non-collection of appropriate fees by Transportation Services related to new home construction sites, together with whatever action may be necessary to ensure accountability for collection of these fees.

Summary

Willowdale has more new home construction than anywhere else in the City. With the vast majority of new construction sites in Willowdale in recent years, staff of Transportation Services has not collected the following fees from builders: material storage fee; construction hoarding fee; fee for erecting signage on the hoarding. In a large number of cases, staff also do not collect the Municipal Road Damage Deposit, or the Road Access Fee.

Attached is a photograph of the construction site at 255 Ellerslie Avenue at which staff have confirmed that none of those fees were collected. The issue of failure to collect fees has been brought to the attention of Transportation Services by the local Councillor for several years. This year, it was escalated to the Office of the Deputy City Manager, (Cluster B) and more recently, to the City Manager, but there has been no indication that the situation has changed in any significant way.

The non-collection of fees involving many properties deprives the City of a large amount of revenue which could be used for, among other purposes, for the hiring of a sufficient number of staff to police these construction sites where various other forms of activity takes place contrary to City By-laws – for example, failure to keep sidewalks passable, protection of City trees, etc.

Background Information (City Council)

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Attachment 1 - Photograph of 255 Ellerslie Avenue

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-99049.pdf>)