

City Council

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Further direction to the City Manager on the study of the commuter parking crisis in Toronto - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Stephen Holyday

** 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Stephen Holyday, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to report back to the next Executive Committee with an update on the consultations with key commuter parking stakeholders to contextualize, assess, vision and provide commuter feedback on the commuter parking needs along the new Spadina-University Subway line and other points of entry for travel, such report should also address:
 - a. any upcoming changes to the availability of the Sheppard West Station (formerly Downsview Station) commuter parking lot; and
 - b. any future construction work at Wilson Station that would affect the commuter parking lot.
2. City Council request the City Manager to explore with the Canada Lands Corporation and the Toronto Parking Authority a shared use opportunity at the Downsview Park subway and GO train stations on the Downsview Park Merchants Market and Farmers Market parking lot.
3. City Council request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to hold public information sessions on the planned partial closure of the Wilson Subway station parking lot.

Summary

On January 31, 2017, City Council passed item EX21.19 Commuter Parking Options that directed the City Manager to "contextualize, assess, vision and provide commuter feedback on the commuter parking needs along the new Spadina-University Subway line and other points of entry for travel" and report back to Executive Committee. The need for such a report was driven in part by the chaotic situation around Wilson Station with the permanent closure of a commuter parking lot in December 2016.

Recently, the Toronto Transit Commission announced that a further 230 commuter parking spots would be temporarily lost from July 4 to December 30, 2017 around Wilson Station due to construction as the Toronto Transit Commission rehabilitates the upper bus loop at the station. It is unclear if the recently reopened Yorkdale commuter lot will be able to handle the overflow from Wilson.

It is vital that these concerns be addressed in the City Manager's report along with clarity as to the status of the commuter parking lot at Sheppard West Station (formerly Downsview Station) and any future construction work at Wilson Station that would affect the commuter parking lot.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM31.24