

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM32.52	ACTION			Ward:All
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Support for Little Lending Libraries - by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** 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 Christin Carmichael Greb, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council affirm its support for Little Lending Libraries provided they do not pose a public safety concern or vision hazard, and City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to reiterate policies and protocols with all staff to ensure support for these community initiatives.

Summary

Over the last couple of years residents have begun using "Little Lending Libraries" in front of their properties to encourage the sharing of books within their communities. Currently, if the structure is permanent, it is illegal under the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 743. Over the last year there were 3 complaints received and 1 Notice of Violation issued for Ward 16 and a total of approximately 8 complaints/notices received across the City.

This Motion asks City Council to affirm its support for Little Lending Libraries provided they do not pose a public safety concern or vision hazard. It also requests the General Manager, Transportation Services to reiterate policies and protocols with all staff to ensure support for these community initiatives.

This Motion is urgent as it will ensure that these community initiatives are supported and our residents are not issued notices to remove their "Little Lending Libraries."

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM32.52