Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

Request for Report on Halloween Road Closures - by Councillor Sarah Doucette, seconded by Councillor John Campbell

* 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 Sarah Doucette, seconded by Councillor John Campbell, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the April 11, 2018 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on the feasibility of Councillor sponsored road closures on Halloween night when safety is a concern.

Summary
While Halloween is a fun, family-friendly event throughout many of Toronto's residential streets, safety is constantly an issue as an increased number of children are using our streets past sundown. Over the past decade, we have seen an increase in the number of "destination streets" that draw children from around a neighbourhood. While these events are largely unorganized, they pose a safety threat due to the increased number of people on a street open to traffic. The cost and organization of a road closure creates a situation where residents can take little action to ensure pedestrian safety or to reduce the number of visitors to their street.

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM35.9