

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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### **Traffic Impacts and Lack of Ministry of Transportation Public Consultation due to the Avenue Road Bridge Replacement Project - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson**

*\* 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to prepare a comprehensive construction notice to be sent out as soon as possible for the Avenue Road Bridge Replacement project and identify the appropriate catchment area for distribution.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to immediately install signage at the Avenue Road Bridge over Highway 401 and any surrounding streets where necessary to provide details on the project, contact information and information on lane closures.
3. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to host a public information session as soon as possible after the Provincial election on June 7, 2018 for residents to learn about the project and raise any concerns.
4. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back to the July 4, 2018 North York Community Council meeting with an update on the progress of the above Recommendations 1 to 3.

### **Summary**

Recently the Ministry of Transportation began a project to reconstruct the Avenue Road bridge over Highway 401. As part of the work, the number of lanes on the bridge overpass has been reduced from three lanes to a single lane in each direction.

While this is a much needed project to completely rebuild an aging piece of infrastructure, there is a lot of concern and confusion in the local neighbourhoods due to ensuing traffic chaos as well as insufficient notification and consultation.

Residents have complained that they did not receive any notification in advance of the project beginning; the work began suddenly and has resulted in an enormous increase in traffic congestion on Avenue Road and local roads; there is no signage up on the bridge detailing of nature of the work and the expected completion date and the local City Councillors in the area were not advised in advance of the project.

This Motion is urgent as given that the project has already started, it is vital that local residents are provided as soon as possible with information as to the scope of the work, contact information for staff on the project and the expected completion date.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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