

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM43.12	ACTION			Ward:10
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Cleaning up the De Quincy Boulevard Ravine due to Safety Concerns - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Parks and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Manager, Parks, North York District, in conjunction with the District Manager, Investigation Services, North York District, to:

- a. immediately recommence regular cleaning of the ravine to the north of De Quincy Boulevard between King High Avenue and Collinson Boulevard; and
- b. initiate the process to bill the owners of the ravine as a result of any costs incurred by the City for cleaning the ravine.

Summary

A ravine gully on a narrow parcel of private land north of De Quincy Boulevard between King High Avenue and Collinson Boulevard has been a source of frustration for residents in the neighbourhood for years. There has been no apparent evidence of any maintenance or cleaning of the land over years by the owners, leading to an abhorrent amount of garbage, wildlife and debris in the gully. City of Toronto staff have previously cleaned up the ravine on occasion but this has not occurred in the past number of years.

This has created not only an eyesore for the community but also a public health and safety risk. Recently, there was a large garage fire on property adjacent to the ravine and it is only by sheer luck that the fire did not spread into the ravine where many flammable objects and dry debris have been discarded. If that had happened, there is a high probability that the fire would have spread to neighbouring houses. The ravine has also become a breeding ground for wildlife and pests.

It is vital that City staff maintain the land to ensure public safety. Should this be determined to be private lands, all costs borne by the City doing so should be billed back to owner.

Background Information (City Council)

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