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TORONTO CITY COUNCIL:

Response to Administrative Inquiry

RE: **Alternative Parking for 50 Wilson Heights – Ward 6 York Centre**

Councillor James Pasternak has submitted an Administrative Inquiry (IA21.4) requesting a status update on three recommendations in MM14.9 adopted at City Council's January 29, 2020 meeting.

In its role with respect to preparing the 50 Wilson Heights Boulevard site for development, CreateTO is working with the Toronto Transit Commission and Toronto Parking Authority to address the three recommendations in [MM14.9](#) adopted at Council's January 29, 2020. An update on each of the recommendations is provided below:

**Recommendation 1 - City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with CreateTO and the Toronto Transit Commission, to deliver a communication campaign in coordination with the local Councillor, to alert current users of the Toronto Transit Commission parking lot at 50 Wilson Heights Boulevard of the proposed change in use for that site, including:**

- a. alternative parking options such as the commuter parking lots at Yorkdale Mall, Sheppard West, Finch West, Pioneer Village, Highway 407 and Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Subway stations; and**
- b. where commuters can access accurate and up-to-date parking lot capacity figures to help changing their parking routines.**

Status: TTC and CreateTO plan to start a communication campaign in consultation with the local Councillor in early 2021 closer to the time when operations of this TTC lot is anticipated to go offline.

**Recommendation 2 - City Council request the Toronto Parking Authority Board and the Toronto Transit Commission Board to engage in discussions with Canada Lands Corporation, to temporarily transform the north section of the Downsview Park Merchants Market parking lot, and in close proximity to Downsview Park Subway Station, into a weekday pay-and-display commuter parking lot before and during construction phases at the 50 Wilson Heights Boulevard site, as outlined in Attachment 1 to this Motion.**

Status: Toronto Parking Authority has engaged in discussions with Canada Lands Corporation and are working on the specifics of an agreement to use a portion of the parking south of Downsview Station. Toronto Parking Authority will keep the local Councillor updated on the progress of these discussions.

**Recommendation 3 - City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission Board to request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to report by the end of the third quarter of 2020 on the feasibility of improving community bus service and reinstating the cancelled Ward 6 Community Bus to service neighbourhoods that will be adversely affected by the removal of commuter parking stalls at the 50 Wilson Heights Boulevard, as outlined in Attachment 2 to this Motion.**

Status: Toronto Transit Commission advises that as community buses are intended to provide alternate transport option for those that would utilize the Wheel-Trans service, any new community bus routes are currently on hold until key Wheel-Trans changes are implemented, including customer re-registration and conditional trip matching. Due to the pandemic, it has not yet been confirmed as to when these changes will occur, however, Toronto Transit Commission will continue to monitor the feasibility of improved community bus service as it relates to the neighbourhoods adjacent to 50 Wilson Heights lands.

This response has been prepared in consultation with CreateTO, the Toronto Transit Commission and the Toronto Parking Authority. Further inquiries and updates can be directed to the 50 Wilson Heights Boulevard CreateTO lead, Jason Chen, Director, Development, CreateTO at (416) 981-3625 or [jchen@createto.ca](mailto:jchen@createto.ca)