

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM14.9	ACTION			Ward: 6
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### **Preparing for Housing Now at the 50 Wilson Heights Boulevard Site - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

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

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.

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.

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.

### **Summary**

The Housing Now site at 50 Wilson Heights Boulevard will become a key addition on remediating the struggling affordable housing market in Ward 6 and Toronto. The site is planned to replace the existing commuter parking lot, highly used by residents of Ward 6 and neighbouring Wards. Approximately 855 commuters use the site on a daily basis and consequentially, many users have expressed their concerns with the future disappearance of the parking lot.

While collected parking data has shown that most of the lot users come from Vaughan and Richmond Hill, the closure of this lot will impact local users as they – unlike users from beyond municipal boundaries - have fewer alternative commuter parking options. The recommendations in this Motion are designed to direct current users to existing parking lots with excess capacity further north along the subway line, secure temporary parking capacity within Ward 6 when the lot enters construction and improve transit service to the neighbourhoods immediately to the east and north of the Housing Now site.

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

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Attachment 1 - Image of Temporary Commuter Parking Replacement

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-145221.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - Map

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-145233.pdf>)