

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Resolving City Council Direction on GM5.26 Acquisition of 242 Danforth Avenue - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** 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 Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to work with the Toronto Parking Authority to implement phase one of the Working Group approved landscaping and treatments for the east and south side of the property at 242 Danforth Avenue as part of ActiveTO work being done on Danforth Avenue in the July and August of 2020.

Summary

At its meeting on July 7, 8 and 9, 2015, City Council adopted Item GM5.26 on the Acquisition of 242 Danforth Avenue and made that conditional on:

the establishment of a Working Group composed of representation from the local Business Improvement Area, the local Residents Association, the Toronto Parking Authority, appropriate City staff and the Ward Councillor to resolve outstanding issues regarding the site, including the treatment of the east and south sides of the property.

As of June 29, 2020, that condition has not been met. The Working Group was established and in late 2019 came up with a two part plan. The first part involved the treatment to the east and south side of the property and the Toronto Parking Authority advised it would be implemented in 2020. Subsequently, the Toronto Parking Authority advise the Working Group in June 2020 that though detailed design plans are ready due to the financial outfall of the Covid-19 pandemic, this project must be delayed a year.

Currently, the City is making changes to Danforth Avenue as part of the CafeTO and ActiveTO programs approved by Council. There is a unique opportunity to include the first phase of changes to 242 Danforth Avenue as a part of that work. This would have the benefit of enhancing both of those programs and preventing further delay to a previous Council direction. Both the local business improvement association and resident's association have advised they

believe this will help the area's economic recovery.

Background Information (City Council)

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