

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Supporting the Davisville Apartment Neighbourhood with new parkland - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Director, Real Estate Services, and any other appropriate City staff, to investigate and report back on the benefits, costs, and options for the City to acquire parkland in the Davisville Apartment Neighbourhood including the Proposed Public Parks in Map 21-8 of the Yonge Eglinton Secondary Plan Secondary Plan, and any other appropriate sites within the community.

Summary

The Davisville Apartment Neighbourhood is already one of the densest areas in Toronto. The provincial government's unilateral revisions to the City's Midtown in Focus Plan (OPA 405) in favour of developers has put additional pressure on the area. With 3,000 new units in the development pipeline, and new applications anticipated, Davisville will become even more heavily populated in the coming years.

Given that the City has little ability to fight the overdevelopment being pushed by Doug Ford, it is incumbent upon us to ensure a high quality of life for the existing and expected residents. This community already suffers from a deficit of park space, which will only worsen as new developments are built.

The average park area per person in Toronto is 28 square metres. By comparison, the average park provision in the Davisville Apartment Neighbourhood is approximately less than half of that City-wide average.

Parks and open spaces provide recreation opportunities, scenic views, access to sunlight, and environmental benefits. The current planning tools have not been successful in acquiring the needed parkland for this area.

That's why this Motion requests City Staff to urgently use new methods to obtain green space

in the Davisville community before all appropriate spots are slated for development.

This Motion is urgent due to several anticipated development applications.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.