
City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM30.21	ACTION			Ward: All
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Google MisGeography: Clarifying the pre-amalgamation boundaries for Parks, Forestry and Recreation and all other City Divisions - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** 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 Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to review the policy on designating park districts to ensure that the former Borough of East York is recognized as separate from the other legacy municipalities.
2. City Council direct City Divisions to ensure that any designations of "East York" conform to the historic pre-amalgamation boundaries.
3. City Council direct the City Clerk to put actual map boundaries on the Toronto and East York Community Council website which clearly delineates the Toronto and East York boundaries and City Council direct the City Clerk to advise Google of their geographic mistake and request a correction.

Summary

Residents of East York, particularly those who remember when their small but mighty borough fought against the Harris Government over amalgamation, are fiercely proud and protective of the legacy of the Borough of East York.

Recently they have noticed that there are parks all across Toronto that were listed as being in East York – of particular note was one in the West Don Lands.

In 2018, Economic Development and Culture division listed the Don Jail tour as being in East York in the City-wide Open Doors promotional material.

East York residents who are passionate about maintaining the local history want to ensure that the City of Toronto, which represents all amalgamated cities, is conscious of helping to maintain this local history. One small way the City can help is to ensure that the internal

businesses practice is to use East York to refer to only locations in the former Borough of East York.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM30.21