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**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM32.10	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Accessing Justice - New Toronto Courthouses - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson**

*\* 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 Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council express its objections to the closure of neighbourhood court houses and send a copy of its decision to the Attorney General of Ontario, objecting to the amalgamation to the New Toronto Courthouse.
2. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to report to the Executive Committee by June 1, 2021 on the impacts of the closure of local court houses, such report to include how the court amalgamation will impact local businesses and access to justice for those living with disabilities.
3. City Council request the City Solicitor to send a letter to the Attorney General of Ontario, objecting to the amalgamation to the New Toronto Courthouse.

**Summary**

The newly constructed New Toronto Courthouse will consolidate a myriad of smaller court locations in Toronto under one roof. The New Toronto Courthouse will be located at 11 Centre Avenue and is set to open in 2022. The opening of the New Toronto Courthouse will have negative impact for communities across Toronto. The loss of our local courthouses will marginalize those who are trying to access justice; result in an economic loss for small businesses in the surrounding area; and present security concerns. The current local courthouses are a vital part of our City and its surrounding communities.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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