

City Council

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Exploring Development Opportunities at 1169 Weston Road and 4 Hollis Street - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, 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 Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Board of Directors of CreateTO to direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, in consultation with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, and the President, Toronto Parking Authority to explore the development opportunities of the City-owned site(s) municipally known as 4 Hollis Street, with an additional convenience address of 1169 Weston Road (also known as Car Park Number 651) including the following:
 - a. a mixed-use development that provides a variety of community benefits and with the potential inclusion of private land holdings within the immediate vicinity;
 - b. working with the Toronto Parking Authority to identify new parking opportunities in both on and off street locations suitable for replacement of parking spaces within the vicinity of the proposed development, should an investment in parking on-site be deemed not feasible; and
 - c. working with City Planning and Parks, Forestry, and Recreation, to conduct a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report on the existing building at 4 Hollis Street.
2. City Council request the Board of Directors of CreateTO to direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO to report back to a future CreateTO Board meeting by the fourth quarter of 2021 on any development opportunity identified.

Summary

Currently under construction, Mount Dennis Station will be one of the largest transit hubs in the City, connecting the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit, Toronto Transit Commission buses, UP Express and GO Transit's Kitchener Line. A number of city initiatives have been completed or are nearing completion in the Mount Dennis Area to maximize on the potential for revitalization that comes from this significant transit investment in the area, including the

Economic Development Strategy for the Mount Dennis Area, Picture Mount Dennis - the Mount Dennis Planning Framework Study and efforts to draw a post-secondary institution to the area.

Within walking distance of the new Mount Dennis Station are the Toronto Parking Authority lot at 1169 Weston Road and the Mount Dennis Community Hall at 4 Hollis Street, two City-owned sites which should be considered for development opportunity including affordable housing and community benefits.

Background Information (City Council)

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