

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM34.32	ACTION			Ward: All
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ActiveTO in the Meadoway - by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** 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 Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in collaboration with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, to identify the best contiguous corridors in the Meadoway, and adjacent trail systems, to promote as part of ActiveTO, including but not limited to, the Thomson Memorial Park 3.5 kilometre stretch, and the segment East of Conlins Road and connected cycling paths.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in collaboration with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, to include the Meadoway as an ActiveTO corridor, and:
 - a. investigate opportunities for additional Bike Share in the corridor;
 - b. investigate opportunities for temporary public parking (such as schools and community centres) and promote existing parking opportunities close to the Meadoway;
 - c. evaluate improvements that can be made at access points, including improved signage, curb cuts for accessibility, or crossing guards at unprotected crossings during ActiveTO weekends; and

d. develop social media and communication materials for ActiveTO on the Meadoway.

3. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in collaboration with the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority, the General Manager, Toronto Water, and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to identify any areas of the Meadoway requiring stabilization due to erosion or hazards that would complicate, or put at risk an ActiveTO, and identify any opportunities to accelerate trail remediation.

Summary

Last year, in response to the pandemic, the City of Toronto launched ActiveTO, a quick start program to provide more space for cyclists and pedestrians and facilitate physical distancing. Based on its success, the program has returned this year.

In Scarborough, there is much potential to promote the Meadoway as an ActiveTO corridor, by providing additional supports to the multiuse trail system. The Meadoway is an integral greenspace in Scarborough stretching from Rouge National Park to the Don Valley managed collaboratively with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

A multipurpose trail exists through much of the corridor, and presents an opportunity for residents to explore nature and exercise, while remaining physically distant. This Motion provides recommendations to improve accessibility of the Meadoway for residents, and include it as an ActiveTO corridor.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM34.32