

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Addressing urgent community pressures around Woodbine Beach and the eastern Beaches - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Mayor John Tory

**** 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 Brad Bradford, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, working with the Toronto Police Service's Parking Enforcement Unit, to initiate a towing pilot program to remove illegally parked vehicles on public streets South Queen Street East from Kingston Road to Victoria Park Avenue starting as soon as possible and running at least until Fall 2021.
2. City Council request the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, working with the Toronto Police Service, to increase by-law enforcement to the maximum possible extent, with particular focus on gatherings, littering and noise violation at Woodbine Beach and the eastern beaches after 10:00 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Fall 2021.
3. City Council request the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to work together to increase litter pick-up and emptying of garbage bins at Woodbine Beach and the eastern beaches to at least three-times per day on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Fall 2021.

Summary

As we enter these warm, hopeful summer months, it's been incredible to see

Torontonian's enjoying the City's extensive, beautiful parks and public spaces in numbers we've never seen before. Like many City Council colleagues, I am hopeful the pandemic will bring renewed attention to the value of investing in and supporting our public spaces for generations to come.

Unfortunately, many of the communities surrounding our most popular parks and public spaces have been inundated by large crowds and the associated litter, traffic and parking impacts, and at its worst, safety issues.

In my own Beaches-East York community, the areas in and around Woodbine Beach and the eastern beaches have been overwhelmed by inaccessible streets, large gatherings and a deluge of litter and garbage. We made best efforts to put a proactive plan in place based on the lessons learned from last summer. What we've seen so far in 2021, however, is unprecedented even by pandemic standards.

This Motion asks City Council to support urgent measures to address the ongoing pressure at Woodbine Beach and in the eastern beaches including requesting support for even more enhanced garbage pick-up, additional enforcement support, and a dedicated towing program to relieve extensive pressure on local streets.

This matter is urgent given the increasing, ongoing pressure on local communities around Woodbine Beach and the eastern beaches.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM34.47