

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM36.23	ACTION			Ward: All
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Local Planning and The First Parliament Master Plan - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Housing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, and the Executive Director, Transit Expansion Office to bring forward to the October 28, 2021 meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee, a report with the following for review and consideration:

- a. the completed First Parliament Master Plan; and
- b. an update on the discussions with Infrastructure Ontario about the proposed concept for the Province's Transit-Oriented Community development at 271 Front Street and 25 Berkeley Street, including public input received to date.

Summary

Since 2017, the City of Toronto and CreateTO have been working with local stakeholders and residents to develop the First Parliament Master Plan. The comprehensive vision document for this nationally important historical site builds upon the prior work of City Council, which intentionally assembled the First Parliament lands to ensure archaeological best practice, heritage stewardship, public ownership and public use are prioritized in any further development.

The First Parliament Master Plan completed in July 2021 serves as a policy guide for local community and city planning and identifies the preservation of national heritage, affordable housing, a district library, and substantial parkland and key objectives of any future development. This thoughtful, community-informed plan recognizes a fast-growing neighbourhood, the need for social infrastructure, and offers solutions to current challenges.

Since its completion, it has not been presented to City Council due to the recent expropriation of the properties at 25 Berkeley Street and 271 Front Street East. In August 2021, the Province

took ownership and control of the First Parliament for the temporary construction staging area for the building of the Ontario Line and have now proposed a high-density Transit-Oriented Community development for their newly acquired site.

City Council's endorsement of the First Parliament Master Plan ensures public reporting and accountability to residents and stakeholders involved with this multi-year planning exercise. City Planning, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and all other divisions reviewing the Province's development plans for the First Parliament site should be guided by the master plan and the recently adopted King-Parliament Secondary Plan.

Background Information (City Council)

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