Notice of Motion

MM36.26 ACTION Ward: All

Review and Audit of Community and Social Infrastructure Needs in High-Growth Areas - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson

* 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 Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and General Manager, City Planning to undertake an immediate Community and Social Services Infrastructure study to assist in the identification of current and required future levels of social and community infrastructure needed to support the health, safety and wellbeing of local residents in high-growth areas.

Summary
Adequate and accessible community facilities are essential to create complete communities in high-growth areas in the City of Toronto. A number of communities in Toronto are facing an explosion of an unprecedented amount of residential development.

Toronto is facing an unrelenting development boom. There are currently over 1,000 active development projects underway and 208 cranes operating in the city—the most in North America. This unprecedented level of extreme development is placing a critical strain on existing community infrastructure needs and calls into question the capacity to absorb the needs of future development once completed. The lack of community infrastructure such as social services, childcare centres, public health services, seniors and youth centres and public libraries cannot keep up with the anticipated population growth.

The need for a comprehensive, city-wide inventory of community infrastructure is essential if we are to have a city that works.

This study of community infrastructure needs is necessary to meet with the forecasted population growth in high density areas. Identifying necessary community infrastructure additions and improvements is required to meet the required unprecedented demands that will be caused by this extreme development brought about by the ever-changing and ever-increasing demand within the community.

Background Information (City Council)
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