



Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM38.30	ACTION			Ward: All
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Metrolinx Memorandum of Understanding for Dog Off-Leash Area on the Weston Tunnel Roof - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
 * This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
 * This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Executive Director, Transit Expansion Office to request Metrolinx to expedite efforts to deliver on its commitments made to the local community to create a Dog Off-Leash Area on the Weston Tunnel Roof.

Summary

In 2015, Metrolinx and the City of Toronto executed a Memorandum of Understanding that established a commitment to deliver a Dog Off-Leash Area and future park area over those portions of the Weston Tunnel Roof that are not being used by the Toronto Catholic District School Board. This is a long-awaited improvement, and the community has communicated the increased need for such space in this area.

City staff have been engaging with Metrolinx's Third Party Review team with the aim of securing a permit from Metrolinx staff to proceed with outstanding construction works to deliver the Dog Off-Leash Area. These efforts have been challenged by a lack of timely sharing of information regarding site restrictions and newly identified technical issues.

Metrolinx is requested to make all efforts to prioritize and expedite this project to ensure the City and Metrolinx can deliver this much-needed park space for the community.

This Motion is urgent in order to complete the Memorandum of Understanding for this much-needed park space by January.

Background Information (City Council)

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