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## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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### **Potential Adaptive Reuse - Scarborough Rapid Transit Elevated Track - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie**

*\* 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 Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to explore the potential for the adaptive reuse of the elevated track currently utilized by the Scarborough Rapid Transit line as a new linear park and active transportation corridor and to report back to a future meeting of City Council on the feasibility, including potential funding options.

#### **Summary**

The decommissioning of the Scarborough Rapid Transit line provides a unique opportunity to explore the feasibility of adapting the existing above grade track into a linear park. The existing 6.4 kilometre track could link McCowan Station at the eastern terminus to Kennedy Station at the western terminus. Both of these Scarborough neighbourhoods are undergoing significant growth and the potential to reuse this existing track could offer the opportunity to provide Scarborough with a wholly unique park. Two City owned properties bookend the track, one at 2444 Eglinton Avenue East, the other at 40 Busby Drive; both of these properties have been identified as Housing Now sites.

This Motion is urgent as it is asking staff to explore the feasibility of a new project before other work is planned for the site and CreateTO and the Toronto Transit Commission are agreeable to the Motion.

#### **Background Information (City Council)**

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