

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM41.4	ACTION			Ward: 8
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Conversion of Toronto Transit Commission Roe Bus Loop into Much Needed Park - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor John Filion

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the General Government and Licensing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor John Filion, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission to work with the General Manager, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation on transferring the entire Roe Bus Loop property located at 1870 Avenue Road to the Parks, Forestry, and Recreation division.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation to explore the use of all available Section 37 money to ensure the Toronto Transit Commission is made whole for the purchase of the property and explore the potential purchase of commercial properties on Avenue Road abutting the bus loop to further expand the size of the park.
3. City Council direct that, as the loop may be required by the Toronto Transit Commission during accessibility improvements at Lawrence Station, no transfer should be planned until the completion of this work in 2024.

Summary

The Upper Avenue Road area north of Lawrence Avenue to Wilson Avenue is a park-deficient area that is facing increased intensification pressures with five residential development applications underway. The Toronto Transit Commission Roe Bus Loop, located at 1870 Avenue Road, is an under-utilized piece of Toronto Transit Commission property that could be converted into a thriving and much-needed community park.

The bus loop is seldom used (roughly 15-20 times per year) for Toronto Transit Commission buses with the north portion having already been declared surplus by the Toronto Transit Commission. Given the under-utilization of this property by the Toronto Transit Commission and the acute need for open space and parkland in this community under great intensification pressure, there is an opportunity to use this property as a park.

There is Section 37 money available from local developments to underwrite the possible purchase of the loop by Toronto Parks, Forestry, and Recreation.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM41.4

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-222370.pdf>

Communications (City Council)

(March 5, 2022) Letter from Maureen Kapral, Vice-President, Lytton Park Residents' Organization (MM.Supp)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/mm/comm/communicationfile-146076.pdf>