

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM43.20	ACTION			Ward: 3
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Evaluating Seabin Installation in Etobicoke-Lakeshore - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council request PortsToronto to assess the feasibility of expanding their PortsToronto Seabin Program to install Seabin trash collecting devices along the waterfront between the Humber River and Etobicoke Creek and work with the City, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and any other relevant authorities on this assessment.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on the feasibility of expanding the PortsToronto Seabin Program including identification of appropriate sites, funding opportunities, installation, operation and maintenance costs along the Etobicoke-Lakeshore waterfront.

Summary

Etobicoke-Lakeshore experiences a significant amount of litter washing up along the shoreline. Several areas along the Toronto waterfront have identified opportunities for the use of Seabin trash collecting devices to aid in capturing litter along the waterfront. Seabins are attached to seawalls or floating docks and use a pump to pull water and trash into a collection basket, which must be emptied daily. Etobicoke-Lakeshore has a long shoreline with locations that may be suitable for the use of Seabins. There are a number of factors that need to be taken into consideration including access to power, funding opportunities, maintenance arrangements, partnership opportunities and environmental considerations. This Motion is requesting a feasibility assessment for the installation of Seabins along the Etobicoke-Lakeshore waterfront.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM43.20