

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM47.27	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Addressing Abandoned Road Construction Sites, Unjustified Lane Closures and Delays - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

*\* 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to conduct a review of road construction management and enforcement policy and practice to target abandoned road construction sites, delayed road construction schedules and the frequency and extent of unjustified lane closures and to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the first quarter of 2023.

#### **Summary**

In addition to being Canada's biggest city, Toronto is also one of its oldest. Continuous upgrades and repairs to our City's aging infrastructure are essential to accommodate rapid growth, contend with the physical deterioration that results from natural processes, and ensure the continued productivity, comfort, and safety of City residents. Regular and widespread road construction is necessary for the City's healthy growth, however when project management results in abandoned construction sites, or unjustified lane closures, it negatively affects traffic plans, safety and commerce.

We are seeing more and more neglected and unattended road construction sites City-wide. My office has received complaints from numerous constituents expressing concerns over seemingly vacant work sites, sometimes displaying scattered tools, machines, and construction materials. Also, York Centre residents have brought to our attention frequent instances of protracted and seemingly unnecessary road closures. These include lanes on major roads, blocked off by safety pylons, but with little to no sign of active construction. The consequences impact first responders, public transportation and the freight of commercial goods and services.

Action must be taken to ascertain what factors are causing these issues and an appropriate strategy for resolution must be devised. I am recommending a review of road construction management and enforcement practices, which will specifically look into abandoned construction sites, delayed road construction schedules and the frequency and extent of unjustified lane closures.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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