

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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**Request to Expand the Toronto Cultural Districts Program in Recognition of the Important Jewish Cultural Heritage in the Bathurst Street Corridor - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak**

*\* 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 Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.  
\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

### Recommendations

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

1. City Council request the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to report back to City Council in the first quarter of 2023, on including the Bathurst Street Corridor in the Toronto Cultural Districts Program to preserve and protect the unique aspects of one of Canada's most important Jewish communities.

### Summary

This Motion is urgent as there are an unprecedented number of development applications in the Bathurst Street Corridor spanning Lawrence to Finch, threatening the cultural integrity and character of one of Toronto's and Canada's largest Jewish communities. The recent announced closure of the culturally important Terrace Gardens Retirement Residence is just one example of the impact of development on this community.

For decades, this area has been the heart and soul of Toronto's Jewish community. Baycrest Hospital, retail landmarks like United Bakers Dairy Restaurant, dozens of synagogues, religious schools, seniors' residences and numerous other cultural institutions have all thrived there.

However, like other threatened cultural districts in Toronto, this area is at risk of losing the important culture, character, and most importantly, the services that so many in Toronto rely on.

City Council must act now to protect, preserve and celebrate this iconic Jewish cultural area.

### Background Information (City Council)

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