

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM7.9	ACTION			Ward: All
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Exploring a Community Assets Dashboard - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the General Government Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with other appropriate Divisions, to review the feasibility of a community assets dashboard by exploring the data already available, for the purpose of creating community-based data-driven insights, and to report back by the first quarter of 2024.

Summary

Cities are at the forefront of civic technology applications and the closest democratic institutions to the people. Digital means are increasingly used to deliver services, perform data-driven asset management, help manage public resources efficiently, encourage civic engagement, and inform decision-making.

Open Government is about improving the delivery of services, making information more accessible and supporting initiatives that build public trust in government. It is guided by principles of transparency, participation, accountability, and accessibility. Ongoing Open Government initiatives at the City of Toronto provide open access to all Committee and Council agendas, meetings and decisions and the City's Open Data program.

While the City of Toronto is already using a variety of ways and means to collect, use and share data related to infrastructure assets for city-building, a community assets dashboard does not exist. High quality and timely data can improve urban planning, support local decisions on the community scale, and result in more user-friendly services. Such a dashboard can also play a transformational role in increasing transparency, supporting communities, identifying gaps and barriers, transforming products and services, and driving innovation.

Willowdale is a fast-growing community that is facing the challenges of many growth areas with high community asset demands. A dashboard with community asset data can help the community understand how planning around community centres, parks, daycare centres, libraries, tree canopy, schools, etc. occurs.

Following City Council's consideration of this request, this Motion requests that City Manager, in consultation with other appropriate Divisions, review the feasibility of a community assets dashboard by exploring the data already available, for the purpose of creating community-based data-driven insights, and to report back by the fourth quarter of 2024.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM7.9