

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

<b>MM8.16</b>	<b>ACTION</b>			Ward: 5
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**Mount Dennis “Community for All Action Plan” - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services to immediately engage with the City Councillor for Ward 5 York-South Weston, local community organizations, residents and businesses, and to direct City officials to attend upcoming community meetings concerned with the development and implementation of a Mount Dennis community development plan: “Community for All Action Plan”.
2. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services to provide biannual reports on the development and implementation of a Mount Dennis community development plan: “Community for All Action Plan”, with the first report to the October 24, 2023 meeting of the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Summary**

The community of Mount Dennis is home to a wonderful mix of warm and welcoming people from all over the world. Until recently Mount Dennis was also one of the more affordable communities in Toronto to live, work and play.

The announcement and construction of the Eglinton Light Rail transit line, while welcomed, it has also resulted in significant development pressure and land speculation in the Mount Dennis community. Over the coming years new private residential developments will create housing for some 20,000 new residents, compared to the one current non-profit affordable housing proposal on Weston Road just north of Eglinton Avenue.

Local residents, non-profit organizations and businesses are justifiably concerned that without active municipal, provincial and federal interventions the people and businesses of Mount Dennis will be left behind or pushed out in the name of progress and gentrification.

At its meeting of July 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2022 City Council adopted Official Plan Amendment 571 and additional recommendations from the Etobicoke York Community Council.

Specifically, City Council requested the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services to direct Social Development, Finance and Administration, Economic Development and Culture, Housing Secretariat and other appropriate Divisions in consultation with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to work with the Councillor for Ward 5 York-South Weston and local community organizations, residents and businesses to develop a Mount Dennis community development plan: “Community for All Action Plan”.

The recommendations also requested the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services to develop for the Mount Dennis Secondary Plan area specific actions and targets to support affordable housing, confront anti-Black racism, advance Indigenous reconciliation, promote inclusive economic opportunities, protect the natural environment and improve the public realm.

During the past year the community has held multiple meetings on the future of Mount Dennis, however there is yet to be any follow-up by City staff on the Council decision to support a “Community for All Action Plan”.

This motion is to request the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Service to immediately engage with the local community no later than September 2023 and provide biannual progress reports on the development and implementation of a Mount Dennis community development plan: “Community for All Action Plan”, to the Planning and Housing Committee starting at the October 26, 2023 Committee meeting.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM8.16