

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM11.20	ACTION			Ward: 18
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Restore North York Civic Centre Hours of Operation - by Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*
** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
** A revised Motion was posted on October 6, 2023.*

Recommendations

Councillor Lily Cheng, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to consider extending the operating hours for North York Civic Centre to include evenings and weekends in the 2024 budget submission, to facilitate public meetings and a safe, accessible, and sheltered passageway, especially for senior residents, during evenings and weekends.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to consult with local councillors in other Wards to determine the necessity of extending operating hours at other Toronto civic centres for evenings and weekends.

Summary

A Civic Centre is a network of spaces or buildings that provide essential services to a city or town. North York Civic Centre is an important gathering space situated in the heart of Willowdale, linking residents to amenities and government services. Up until recent changes, the North York Civic Centre provided a vital, accessible pathway for those living nearby to library programming, transit, grocers and retailers. Many seniors rely on this sheltered access as a safe passageway to these facilities as walking outdoors in cold and slippery conditions can be hazardous.

Many Willowdale constituents have contacted me or met with me in my office to describe the importance of the North York Civic Centre being open during evenings and weekends, especially senior residents of Willowdale.

In addition, with the reduced operating hours, many local organizations, along with the Councillor's office, have had to secure spaces elsewhere to conduct public meetings and consultations when the North York Civic Centre has historically been the perfect location for such public activities.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM11.20

