

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

MM13.16	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of East York - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow**

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

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow, recommends that:

1. City Council recognizes the former Borough of East York as an important founding member of the new city of Toronto.
2. City Council request the City Clerk to support the commemoration of the 100 anniversary of the founding of East York, in particular at the annual Agnes MacPhail awards and at East York Canada Day.

**Summary**

The Township of East York was incorporated on January 1, 1924 with a population of 19,849 and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2024.

In 1953 the Township of East York became one of the local governments as part of the newly created Metropolitan Toronto upper tier level of municipal government.

In 1967 the Borough of East York was established through the amalgamation of the former Township of East York and the former Town of Leaside.

Known as ‘Canada’s only Borough’, East York continued as a semi-autonomous municipality until 1997 when the Government of Ontario amalgamated seven governments into the new City of Toronto.

On March 3, 1997, residents of Metropolitan Toronto held a referendum on the idea of amalgamation. East Yorkers strongly demonstrated their support and commitment for retaining East York’s own local government.

As a City, Toronto has worked hard to keep the everlasting spirit of East York alive in its many local organizations and communities such as Thorncliffe Park, Crescent Town, Pape Village, Woodbine Heights, Parkview Hills and Topham Park. East York continues to have a strong identity within our city, one which deserves to be celebrated and honoured in East York's centennial year.

The City of Toronto is proud to support and continue to associate itself with long-standing East York organizations such as the East York Canada Day celebrations, the East York Seniors Christmas Day Dinner, the Agnes Macphail Award and East York Foundation which was created by an act of Provincial Parliament in 1965.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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