

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Pursuing Parkland Acquisition in Leslieville - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Confidential Attachment - A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the City of Toronto

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the local Councillor, to pursue expansion of Maple Leaf Forever Park through City acquisition of the properties identified in Confidential Attachment 1, using available funds from the Parkland Acquisition sub-project in the Land Acquisition project (account CPR115-50-01) in the 2024-2033 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan for Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to be funded by Section 42 First 5 per cent South District Parkland Acquisition Cash-in-lieu Reserve fund (XR2208).
2. City Council authorize the execution of agreements of purchase and sale, together with such other transaction documents as may be reasonably required to secure the lands identified in Recommendation 1, by the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, should business terms satisfactory to the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be reached by the parties.
3. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 to this Motion remain confidential at the discretion of the City Solicitor as it pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the City of Toronto.

Summary

The Leslieville neighbourhood is a growing area of the City with low or very low parkland provision (total area of parkland per resident). The Council-approved Parkland Strategy shows that one of highest areas of parkland need is adjacent to and west of Maple Leaf Forever Park between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue. Additional parkland is needed to serve current and future residents. The existing parcel fabric, composed of smaller residential lots, makes it

difficult to identify new opportunities for parkland. As a result, expanding Maple Leaf Forever Park has been identified as a priority to increase parkland supply in the area.

Reason for Urgency: The subject properties could be acquired by another party in the near future.

Background Information (City Council)

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Confidential Attachment 1 to Motion by Councillor Paula Fletcher