

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM20.9	ACTION			Ward: 3
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Revitalization of the Historic Mimico Train Station in Coronation Park - by Councillor Amber Morley, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** 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 Amber Morley, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to develop a plan for the restoration and activation of the Historic Mimico Train Station, including a building condition assessment and engagement with the local Councillor, local residents' associations, Mimico Village Business Improvement Area and other local stakeholders on appropriate uses and operational partnership opportunities.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in collaboration with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the local Councillor, to identify and include local community benefit funding from development and/or other sources to develop a plan for the restoration and activation of the Historic Mimico Train Station through the 2025 budget process for consideration.

Summary

According to Architectural Conservancy Ontario, the Historic Mimico Train Station was built around 1916. Originally owned by the Grand Trunk Railway, it was later taken over by the Canadian National Railway. It stopped being used as a station in the late 1960's and was abandoned in 1989 before being sold by Canadian National in 2001. The new owner of the station applied for a demolition permit, and the Mimico Station Community Organization was formed to fight the demolition. They were successful, and in November 2007 the station was relocated to Coronation Park

Since the building has been closed for quite some time, and prior to that was not occupied by the City of Toronto, there is an opportunity to revitalize the train station as a local community asset. There has been significant engagement from local residents' associations and the Mimico Village Business Improvement Area to explore opportunities to revitalize this asset as a public benefit and space for community use.

As a first step in this process, a further analysis is required to understand what work is required to ensure a safe and functional station building and identify potential uses and partnership opportunities.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-247776.pdf>)