

City Council

Notice of Motion

Revised

MM24.6	ACTION			Ward: 3
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Increasing Green Space, Park Amenities and Local Active Transportation Connections - East-West Hydro Corridor Linear 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 Etobicoke York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

A communication has been submitted on this Item.

Recommendations

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

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services and the local Councillor, to explore the feasibility of utilizing greenspace within the East-West Hydro Corridor in Ward 3 (between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road), as outlined in the attachment to this motion, for active recreational use and improving local active transportation connections, and to identify potential funding sources including but not limited to existing Section 37 funds, with a report back to the Etobicoke York Community Council by the third quarter of 2025.

Summary

The East-West hydro corridor between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road is a large under-utilized green space within Ward 3 Etobicoke-Lakeshore. It currently provides unofficial local connections through an informal network of trails and space for people to exercise their dogs.

Etobicoke-Lakeshore continues to experience significant pressures from development and population growth, including on the Queensway nearby this hydro corridor, and needs more park space to support residents with active and healthy outdoor opportunities.

Activating this section of the hydro corridor will improve opportunities for local active transportation connections between neighbourhoods, to local retail and entertainment locations on Islington Avenue, to six nearby schools, and to other nearby churches and cultural centres. It will also provide opportunities to formalize, permit, and expand existing unsanctioned uses in the hydro corridor through exploring additional uses of the space for parks amenities such as a Dog Off Leash Area and community gardens.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-251463.pdf>)

Attachment 1

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-251600.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(December 12, 2024) E-mail from Adam Rodgers (MM.Supp)