

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM24.22	ACTION			Ward: 10
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**Clarence Square Park Improvements - Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley**

*\* Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.  
\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.  
\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

**Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley, recommends that:

1. City Council direct General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to engage with community stakeholders and the local Councillor to explore the feasibility of enhancing recreational uses and undertaking park improvements at Clarence Square Park using resources and funding available in future budgets, including but not limited to utilizing growth funding tools (Section 37, 42 Above 5 percent cash-in-lieu, 45, Community Benefit Charges) if necessary and consult with the local Councillor by the second quarter of 2025 on the findings.

**Summary**

Clarence Square Park is one of the oldest parks in Toronto’s downtown core and features a mature tree canopy, many park benches and an enclosed dog off-leash area. Clarence Square is an area of Special Identity in the King-Spadina Secondary Plan that is part of the City of Toronto’s Official Plan, in which it is described as “unique in Toronto.”

It serves many neighbourhood residents, workers in businesses and organizations near by, and visitors to our city. It’s part of the green corridor in the Wellington Place neighbourhood, where streetscaping improvements have taken place and other park improvements, such as those at Victoria Memorial Square, are planned for next year.

This motion aims to explore potential improvements that could be made to ensure its consistency with other areas in the green corridor and evaluate its accessibility and use for a variety of programming.

This motion is urgent as works need to be initiated for the summer season and to meet this deadline we need an assessment of the financial supports required for the next council meeting.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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