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**Re: Scarborough Civic Centre 2025 - Strategic Plan**

**Summary:**

Dear Scarborough Community Council Colleagues,

Last September our iconic Scarborough Civic Centre embarked on its golden anniversary - marking fifty years at the center of Scarborough's civic life. Lillian Allen, Toronto's Poet Laureate, spoke of our Centre as a, "gathering place, a circle that radiates in the name of service to community," as we seek to, "build our caring vision of Scarborough, filled with a bursting energy of hope, prosperity and joyousness." Enabling this bold vision of our Centre as a transformational hub will require careful planning and some investments; but the ongoing potential of our civic space should be unlocked for the benefit of future generations of Scarberians.

This motion calls for the creation of a Strategic Plan by 2025 that will ensure the ongoing community usage and vibrancy of the Scarborough Civic Centre in a cost-effective manner.

**Recommendation:**

City Council direct the City Manager to assess the use of space at Scarborough Civic Centre and following this review, explore the potential to create a Strategic Plan by 2025 for the Scarborough Civic Centre, in alignment with the City's Workplace Modernization Program, that:

- a) addresses local needs including access to low cost, or possibly free community space,
- b) involves the public and Scarborough Community Council,
- c) explores key strategic priorities including economic development and innovation, culture, recreation, not-for-profits, and associated amenities,
- d) consults past work to inform short, medium and long term site and area plans, including the Our Scarborough Centre (OurSC) Study, and,
- e) generates revenue to support the ongoing State of Good Repair of the Civic Centre.

Sincerely,

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