

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM28.22	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Improving Toronto's Public Washrooms - by Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager, working with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, the General Manager, Transportation Services, the Chief Technology Officer and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, to conduct an analysis of where new public washrooms are most needed and:

- a. install high-quality temporary washrooms at these locations, beginning in the spring of 2025;
- b. develop a longer-term plan to add more public washrooms, and retrofit existing ones;
- c. identify and repair City washrooms most in need of restoration;
- d. identify existing City washrooms that can be retrofitted so they may be open more months of the year;
- e. work with the Toronto Transit Commission to explore the installation of new washrooms in subway stations and develop a plan to upgrade and improve existing Toronto Transit Commission washrooms;
- f. ensure all new and upgraded washrooms are accessible to all members of the public;
- g. work with the Toronto Public Space Committee following the conclusion of their competition "TO the Loo!" design challenge on potential design options;
- h. develop a digital wayfinding tool citizens may use to find the nearest city washroom; and
- i. report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee prior to the 2026 Budget cycle on the cost of the initiative.

## **Summary**

The City of Toronto has amazing public spaces – beautiful neighbourhood parks, waterfront walking trails, and a network of ravines. As our city continues to grow, and the use of these spaces increases, it is important that Torontonians are able to access clean and safe public washrooms. Washrooms that are open to all people including seniors, those with accessibility needs, and families. City staff are hard at work improving these facilities, but there is more to be done.

That is why I am requesting the City Manager to work with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, the General Manager, Transportation Services, the Chief Technology Officer and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to develop a city-wide washroom plan.

Clean, safe, and accessible washrooms mean Torontonians can enjoy in comfort the beautiful public spaces that make our city great.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM28.22

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-253645.pdf>)