

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

MM32.47	ACTION			Ward: 10
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### **125 The Esplanade - Interim Park Implementation - by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

#### **Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to implement interim park use and beautification at 125 The Esplanade, to be timed for implementation immediately following the removal of the temporary north market structure to ensure continuity of use.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to consult with current users, Old Town Business Improvement Area, St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association and relevant community stakeholders to ensure consideration of current uses.

#### **Summary**

125 The Esplanade is designated as a future park. Since 2016, it has been the site of the temporary North St. Lawrence Market building, hosting the farmers' market and other uses. In May 2025, the new North Market building was opened, and the temporary structure is planned to be decommissioned.

While planning for the future of this site continues, the site should continue to serve as a public space for the benefit of the St. Lawrence community. An interim park, as part of the St. Lawrence Market precinct, should be implemented and timed with the removal of the temporary structure, in advance of the FIFA World Cup 2026. These plans can come alongside the start of David Crombie Park revitalization beginning in 2025.

This motion is urgent because the temporary structure will be removed later this year so planning for interim use must begin immediately.

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

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