

NOTICE OF MOTION

Amending Item - 2025.MM28.1 – re Creation of New Park at 819 Yonge Street - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by (Ward 11)

Moved by: Councillor

Saxe

Seconded by: Councillor

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SUMMARY:

At its meeting on March 26 and 27, 2025, City Council, via [Member Motion 2025.MM28.1](#), authorized the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, among others, to enter into and execute on behalf of the City a Construction Management Agreement with the owner of 148 Yorkville Avenue for securing, designing and constructing a new Indigenous-themed park at 819 Yonge Street.

City staff have become aware that a portion of the lands previously assumed to be part of the 819 Yonge Street lands are City-owned lands at 876 Church Street under the jurisdiction of Corporate Real Estate Management (CREM). Parks and Recreation staff have begun the process to have these lands jurisdictionally transferred from CREM to Parks and Recreation.

This Motion seeks authority from City Council to include the City-owned lands at 876 Church Street in the Construction Management Agreement to be entered with the Owner of 148 Yorkville Avenue (‘Greybrook’) for the design and construction of a future park at 819 Yonge Street.

This future park will expand the public open space network in the Bloor-Yorkville neighbourhood, and celebrate the intersection of Yonge Street and the historic portage trail. This matter is urgent because the agreement must be finalized with Greybrook before detailed design work can commence on the future park.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council amend its previous decision on Item 2025.MM28.1 by:
 - a. amending Part 2 by adding to the end the words “and the City-owned lands at 876 Church Street”, so that it reads as follows:
 2. Notwithstanding Municipal Code 415-25, City Council authorize all required parkland dedication cash-in-lieu funds collected for 717 Church Street, pursuant to Section 42 of the Planning Act, be allocated to the new park at 819 Yonge Street and the City-owned lands at 876 Church Street.

- b. amending Part 3 by deleting the words “Section 42 and cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication monies” and replacing them with “cash-in-lieu monies”; adding the words “of the lands at 819 Yonge Street” after the word “acquisition”; and adding the words “and the City-owned lands at 876 Church Street” after words “Member Motion MM28.1”, so that it now reads as follows:

3. City Council direct that the cash-in-lieu monies collected from the development at 717 Church Street to reimburse the owner of 148 Yorkville Avenue for the acquisition of the lands at 819 Yonge Street, and for the design, and construction of a new park at 819 Yonge Street as listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to Member Motion MM28.1, and the City-owned lands at 876 Church Street;

- c. amending Part 8 by adding the words “the lands at 819 Yonge Street” after the word “securing”; adding the words “a new park” after the words “designing and constructing”; and adding the words “and the City-owned lands at 876 Church Street” after the words “at 819 Yonge Street”, so that it now reads as follows:

8. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to enter into and execute on behalf of the City a Construction Management Agreement with the owner of 148 Yorkville Avenue for securing the lands at 819 Yonge Street, and for designing and constructing a new park at 819 Yonge Street and the City-owned lands at 876 Church Street, on terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, the Executive Director, Development and Review Division, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and in accordance with City policies applicable to capital projects.

Date March 26, 2026

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