

## MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

### Review of Public Parking Access at Scarborough GO Station

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#### SUMMARY:

Scarborough GO Station is an important regional transit connection point for residents travelling across Scarborough, Toronto, and the broader Greater Toronto Area. The station supports access to the Lakeshore East GO corridor and provides an important alternative to longer local trips by car.

Over the past several months, residents near Scarborough GO Station have raised concerns about increasing commuter parking pressures on surrounding residential streets. These concerns include safety concerns from illegal parking, long-term vehicle storage, congestion near local intersections, and increased calls to 311 and Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement.

Scarborough has fewer rapid transit connections compared to other parts of Toronto, and many residents continue to rely on driving, drop-off, bus connections, or park-and-ride access to connect to regional transit. When public parking supply is limited or unclear, commuter vehicles can spill over into nearby neighbourhoods, creating additional pressure on local roads and residents.

There may be opportunities to better use nearby lands to support improved access to public parking at Scarborough GO Station. These include unused or underused Metrolinx lands between Scarborough GO Station and Natal Park, near 110 Natal Avenue, and lands associated with the GO Transit Track Maintenance Yard at 3620 St. Clair Avenue East.

A coordinated review by Transit Expansion and Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with Metrolinx and other applicable City and provincial partners, would help determine whether unused or underused lands near Scarborough GO Station can be used to expand public parking access. This review would also assess whether expanded parking could reduce spillover parking on nearby residential streets, improve local road operations, reduce congestion, and support increased transit ridership in Scarborough.

#### Reason for Urgency:

This matters is considered urgent as a timely review and report back will help the local community to address increased road safety concerns stemming from limited parking at the Scarborough GO station, coupled with higher demands on commuter parking in the context of return to work requirements, which is resulting in overflow issues on local residential streets.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, the Executive Director, Transit Expansion, the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with other applicable City of Toronto divisions and provincial counterparts, including Metrolinx, to review options to expand access to public parking at Scarborough GO Station, including the feasibility of utilizing unused or underused lands owned by Metrolinx south of the existing commuter parking lot as well as the Metrolinx-owned lands associated with the GO Transit Track Maintenance Yard at 3620 St. Clair Avenue East, and to report back to City Council in the first quarter of 2027 with findings, considerations, and recommendations, together with an assessment of how expanded public parking access could help reduce spillover parking on nearby residential streets, improve local road operations, reduce congestion, and increase transit ridership in Scarborough.

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