

NOTICE OF MOTION

Planning for the Future of Bluffer's Park: Parking, Access, and Neighbourhood Protection

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SUMMARY:

Bluffer's Park is one of Toronto's most popular waterfront destinations, and demand for access has grown significantly in recent years. On warm weekends and holidays, the park's existing parking lots reach capacity early in the day, creating overflow into the surrounding residential streets along Brimley Road. Visitors unable to find parking have increasingly cut through and park along local residential streets that have no direct access to the beach, causing disruption to local residents and prompting calls for clearer directional and prohibitive signage at key intersections.

While signage is an important near-term measure, it is not sufficient on its own to address the underlying pressure on the park. The City also acknowledges the anticipated development of a multi-use trail along Brimley Road that would provide pedestrian and cycling access down to the Bluffs, a welcome improvement that will further increase visitor volumes over time. In anticipation of this growth, it is critical to explore expanded parking options now, including at the top of the hill, to ensure capacity keeps pace with demand during peak periods.

As Bluffer's Park continues to grow as the premier access point to the lake for West Scarborough and the broader GTA, the City must take meaningful steps to both protect the surrounding residential neighbourhoods and invest in the infrastructure needed to welcome visitors properly.

Reason for Urgency:

With the summer season fast approaching, Bluffer's Park is expected to welcome a significant increase in visitors in the coming weeks. Past years have demonstrated the safety concerns associated with high levels of congestion along surrounding streets and within the Bluffer's parking lot, as parkgoers unable to find parking spill into residential neighbourhoods not designed to absorb that volume.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, in coordination with the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to implement "No Access to Beach" or similar intention signage in the residential area along Brimley road in proximity to Bluffers Park, including at the following locations:

- a. Brimley Road South and Barkdene Hills;
 - b. Larwood Boulevard and Barkdene Hills;
 - c. Larwood Boulevard and Redland Crescent W.
 - d. Gradwell Dr and Barkdene Hills;
 - e. Eastville Ave and Barkdene Hills;
 - d. Brooklawn Ave and Barkdene Hills;
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Parks and Recreation and other appropriate divisions, to engage with the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Archdiocese of Toronto, and other relevant institutional landowners adjacent to Brimley Road leading to Bluffer's Park regarding opportunities for weekend and holiday overflow parking on non-City owned land, and report back to the Scarborough Community Council by no later than the first quarter of 2027 with updates on recommended next steps or implementation

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