



NOTICE OF MOTION

Improving Access to Space for Community Programs Across Scarborough

Moved by: Councillor Shan

Seconded by: Councillor Myers

SUMMARY:

Many communities in Scarborough, especially those that are equity-deserving, underrepresented, and diverse, face challenges with access to Scarborough city-owned spaces that support community programming and gathering. These challenges have included limited venue availability and barriers in the booking and permitting process.

Identifying how to improve access for gatherings for these communities across Scarborough provides an opportunity to reaffirm the City's commitment to ensuring culture is valued and incorporated into the daily lives of Torontonians.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to review and take appropriate actions to improve access to and awareness of City-owned spaces in Scarborough that are bookable by residents, community groups, and non-profit organizations including:
 - a) exploring opportunities to improve access to City-owned spaces in Scarborough, while also considering opportunities across the broader City-wide portfolio, such as by extending hours and, where feasible, activating additional community-accessible spaces; and
 - b) improving awareness of available spaces and booking processes for equity-deserving, underrepresented, and diverse communities in Scarborough, while also considering opportunities across the broader City-wide portfolio

2. City Council request the Executive Director, Social Development, in consultation with the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, to work with equity-deserving, underrepresented, and diverse communities to explore strategies to address barriers to community space, including opportunities within the City's Community Space Tenancy Policy.

Date: June 16, 2026