



## NOTICE OF MOTION

### Commemorating Former Councillor & TTC Chair Howard Moscoe

**Moved by:** Mayor Olivia Chow

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**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik

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#### **SUMMARY:**

Howard Moscoe served as an elected member of Toronto, Metro and North York Councils for 32 years, serving on Toronto City Council for four consecutive terms from 1998 to 2010. He represented North York Spadina from 1998 to 2000, and Eglinton Lawrence from 2000 to 2010.

Prior to amalgamation, he was elected to the North York City Council – first as an Alderman from 1978 to 1985 and later as a City Controller from 1985 to 1988 – during which time he also served on on Metro Toronto Council. Later, he was elected as a Metro Toronto Councillor from 1988 to 1997 representing North York Spadina.

While a Member of Toronto City Council, he served as Commissioner, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission over his 14 years service on the Commission. He served on the TTC Board from 1992 to 2006, and was Chair from 1998 to 2000 and from 2003 to 2006.

His working life started as a high school art teacher in the former North York where he became President of the North York Teachers' Federation and a governor of the Ontario Teachers' Federation. His art background later fed a very successful election sign business. As a member of the New Democratic Party, he ran three times to become the MPP in the riding of Wilson Heights.

Mr. Moscoe had many achievements throughout his political career. Highlights include promoting a municipal housing corporation in North York to support rent geared to income housing, being an early supporter of 2SLGBTQ+ issues in the early 1990s when the community sought ad space on TTC vehicles, and immense contributions at the Toronto Transit Commission.

During his first term as Chair of the TTC, the TTC broke ground on the new Queens Quay streetcar line that connects Union Station with Exhibition Place, began construction on the Sheppard subway, and started to build the Transit Control Centre at Hillcrest Complex.

In his second term as Chair, Moscoe helped steer the TTC through the SARS crisis and the 2003 electricity blackout and the TTC introduced its 2003 Ridership Growth Strategy—a guiding document for transit investment in the decade that followed, which saw the system grow ridership to more than half a billion riders annually.

Howard Moscoe's contributions to the City of Toronto are worthy of recognition. As such, this motion gives direction to the City Manager to identify opportunities for Mr. Moscoe to be commemorated by the City.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with the Moscoe family and local stakeholders, to report directly to the July 29, 2026 meeting of City Council with recommendations on options to commemorate former City Councillor and TTC Chair Howard Moscoe and his contributions to the City of Toronto, including consideration of a commemorative naming.

June 24, 25, and 26, 2026