

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### Ensuring Safety and Accessibility in Local Parks

Moved by: Councillor Morley

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Seconded by: Councillor Chernos Lin

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#### SUMMARY:

The parks and green spaces in Ward 3, both bordering the lake and within our neighbourhoods, are central to why residents choose to live and raise their families in Etobicoke-Lakeshore. They provide spaces to play, meet with neighbours and seek relief from the summer heat.

Safety and accessibility are necessary to maintain green spaces that are welcoming to all visitors. With the warmer weather and increased usage, residents have shared concerns about more illegal bonfires and dogs off-leash outside of DOLAs.

Recently, Credit Valley Conservation opened the Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area in Mississauga, bordering Marie Curtis Park in Ward 3. The only access to Jim Tovey is through Marie Curtis Park, which puts additional stress on park trails, both for maintenance and visitor access, and on the already limited parking that exists in the park.

As we approach the busiest park season, we need to ensure that we protect the health and sustainability of our green spaces while supporting safety, accessibility, and enjoyment for all visitors.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to conduct a review of educational opportunities and bylaw compliance activities to address dogs off-leash in public parks.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to conduct a review of educational opportunities and bylaw compliance activities to address non-permitted open-air burning in public parks, including engagement with Toronto Fire.
3. City Council direct the City Manager and General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to work with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to review the ongoing impacts of Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area on Marie Curtis Park and the surrounding neighbourhood, and work with Credit Valley Conservation, the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel, to ensure ongoing safety and accessibility for all visitors.