

NOTICE OF MOTION

Improving Safety and Access from Aberfoyle Crescent to Tom Riley Park

Moved by: **Councillor**

Morley

Seconded by: **Councillor**

Fletcher

SUMMARY:

In Ward 3, the pathway connecting Aberfoyle Crescent (east of Islington Avenue, one block north of Bloor Street West) to the main trail in Tom Riley Park, is a critical link within the local pedestrian network. It provides access to Islington Station, nearby schools, recreational facilities, and businesses along Bloor Street, and has become even more utilized due to sidewalk and lane closures associated with the Islington Station Easier Access & Redevelopment Project. While the main park pathway receives winter maintenance, this connecting segment does not, despite functioning as part of the same path network. The combination of heavy daily use, a steep grade, and the lack of practical alternative routes creates significant winter safety concerns, particularly for students, seniors, and transit users, warranting a review of options to improve safety and access ahead of the upcoming winter season.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to review options to improve safety and access from Aberfoyle Crescent into Tom Riley Park, including the feasibility of providing winter maintenance, identifying alternative access points, and any associated operational, legal or implementation considerations as appropriate, and report back to the November 24, 2026 Etobicoke York Community Council meeting

Date: July 21, 2026