



NOTICE OF MOTION

Avoiding the Allen Road and Eglinton Redux: Getting people where they want to go in Downsview

Moved by: Councillor Pasternak

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Seconded by: Councillor Perruzza

SUMMARY:

Redevelopment plans for the Downsview Lands are proceeding through a number of studies and district applications, including the Downsview Major Streets Environmental Assessment Phases 3 & 4. Over the next 30 years Downsview will be redeveloped with an estimated 115,000 new residents and 52,000 new jobs across 15 new neighbourhoods. The Environmental Assessment Plan includes two major north-south streets, notably an extension of Dufferin Street from north of Wilson Avenue which terminates at Sheppard Avenue. A second major north-south arterial road - an extension of Billy Bishop Way, which feeds onto Sheppard Ave West and connects with Chesswood Drive.

The DUKE Heights Business Improvement Area with over 4000 businesses employing over 32 000 people has as its southern boundary Sheppard Ave West. The BIA feels it will be negatively impacted by the current proposed plans resulting in significant increased traffic congestion, thus putting at risk the viability of many business and jobs.

This evolving situation for the DUKE Heights Employment area can be ameliorated/eliminated with a judicious early Transportation Planning Study, with resulting solutions to the pending traffic congestion, for the area from Sheppard Ave West on the south, the Barrie GO TRANSIT tracks on the west, Allen Road to the east and to the north of Steeprock.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Transportation Services to work with DUKE Heights Business Improvement Area to review the impacts of the proposals under the Downsview Major Streets Environmental Assessment (Dufferin Street and Billy Bishop Extensions), on

the road system serving the DUKE HEIGHTS Business Improvement Areas Employment lands, and report back with recommendations traffic mitigation and congestion reduction solutions by the second quarter of 2027. In the event that additional funding is required, funding approval will be subject to consideration through the 2027 budget process and Council approval of the funding and resource requirements, taking into account other City priorities.