

NOTICE OF MOTION

Seeing the Forest and the trees: Preserving the green space, ravines, structures and tree canopy with public accessibility, security and maintenance at the Forest Valley Outdoor Centre

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SUMMARY:

Forest Valley Outdoor Centre is located on Toronto Region Conservation Authority lands in York Centre (Ward 6) and is managed by the City of Toronto. The site has a rich history in which thousands of past and present Torontonians have enjoyed the river, ravines, green space and forests either when it was a privately owned day camp or as a City of Toronto asset.

Until recently, the lands were leased seasonally to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). At one time, the City of Toronto operated summer day camps on the site. The site also has a wide range of structures and meeting places, which have been used in the past for permitted events. The terms of the ending of the lease agreement with the TDSB are evolving. Should the agreement be terminated, it is likely the City will continue to manage the lands and associated buildings/assets on behalf of TRCA.

In light of these changes in use, a new strategic plan is needed to ensure Forest Valley Outdoor Centre remains well-maintained, safe, active, and in a state of good repair under a renewed agreement with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). The updated plan should preserve the site's valuable green space, ravines, and tree canopy while ensuring continued public access, effective maintenance, and long-term sustainability.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

City Council direct the General Manager Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the Executive Director Corporate Real Estate Management and the Toronto Region

Conservation Authority, to develop a strategic plan, advised by public consultations – and/or to update any current plans for the site - to ensure the Forest Valley Outdoor Centre remains a well maintained, safe and publicly accessible green space and ravine and with a report back to City Council by the second quarter of 2027.