



NOTICE OF MOTION

Expanding Parkland to Serve Liberty Village

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Perks

SUMMARY:

Liberty Village is a unique Downtown neighbourhood generally bounded by King Street West and Douro Street to the north, the rail tracks to the south, Dufferin Street to the west and Strachan Avenue to the east. The eastern portion of Liberty Village is characterized by mixed-used residential developments with retail, townhouses, and residential towers. The western portion has a concentration of industrial heritage buildings which contribute to the neighbourhood's distinct character and support a vibrant concentration of commercial, retail and cultural uses.

Much of Liberty Village falls within an Area of Parkland Need as defined by the City's Parkland Strategy. Parkland provision rates are expected to decline over time in this neighbourhood as residential growth continues.

Limited inventory and competitive market conditions have posed challenges for acquiring new parkland and expanding existing parks within this Downtown area. The City should actively pursue opportunities for new partnerships and creative solutions for growing the parkland network in Liberty Village.

The recommendation in this motion aligns with the objectives of the Council-adopted OPA 914 (Liberty For All Regeneration Area Study), the Garrison Common North Secondary Plan and Liberty Village Public Realm Strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

City Council direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to explore all opportunities to pursue the expansion of new parkland in Liberty Village, including the acquisition of unused or underutilized nearby adjacent properties to City-owned lands.

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