



NOTICE OF MOTION

Advancing Local Priorities in Thorncliffe Park

Moved by: Councillor

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Seconded by: Mayor

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SUMMARY:

Thorncliffe Park is a densely populated and culturally diverse community and has long served as an important area of arrival for newcomers to Toronto. Currently, the community is undergoing significant change associated with major transit investments, including the Ontario Line and the planned Transit-Oriented Community surrounding the future Thorncliffe Park Station. City staff and the local Councillor's office have recently engaged with the Urban Land Institute and local stakeholders to consider how the City can optimize the benefits of these investments, and several opportunities have emerged from these discussions around delivering new housing, jobs, community facilities, parks, public spaces, and improving connections within and beyond the neighbourhood.

This engagement process has identified that, as Thorncliffe Park continues to grow, there is a need for a coordinated approach that builds on the community's strengths and addresses mobility, connectivity, and public realm challenges. This includes improving walking, cycling, and transit connections; enhancing parks, open spaces, and community gathering places; creating safer, more accessible and welcoming streets and public spaces; and strengthening neighbourhood identity, social cohesion, and local economic vitality.

A coordinated implementation approach is needed to help advance these priorities and ensure residents benefit from ongoing investments while maintaining Thorncliffe Park as a vibrant and welcoming community.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in collaboration with other City Divisions, as appropriate, to determine priorities and implementation mechanisms for enhancements to the public realm and streetscape, multi-modal transportation connections and other initiatives to support a growing population in Thorncliffe Park, including through the following actions:
 - a. Continued collaboration with Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario on the planning, design and delivery of transit infrastructure and Transit-Oriented Communities within Thorncliffe Park to advance mobility, connectivity, place-

making and community benefits and identify opportunities for the activation and long-term stewardship of publicly accessible spaces associated with the Ontario Line infrastructure, including the lands beneath the guideway.

2. City Council direct the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and other appropriate City Divisions, to ensure the needs of Thorncliffe Park's growing population through Parks & Recreation's facilities and capital planning process.
3. City Council direct the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture and other appropriate City Divisions, to consider opportunities to support and engage local businesses and community agencies to ensure economic development and commercial vitality in Thorncliffe Park.
4. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to report to North York Community Council in the second quarter of 2027 on the matters identified in Recommendation 1.

Date: July 22, 2026