

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Advancing the Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre / Community Hub

Moved by: Councillor Mantas

Seconded by: Mayor Chow

SUMMARY

The Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre / Community Hub is a long-standing City-building initiative that will bring much-needed community space, programs and services to the Finch-Warden / Steeles-L'Amoreaux / Bridletowne area.

For more than a decade, City Council has supported the use of the City-owned lands at 1355 Bridletowne Circle to create a multi-service community hub. The City acquired the property in 2011 for approximately \$5.9 million, and the proposed nominal transfer of the 5.2-acre site to the YMCA of Greater Toronto represents a significant City contribution toward unlocking long-planned community infrastructure in an area of significant need.

While Scarborough Health Network is no longer advancing its component of the project, the YMCA of Greater Toronto remains committed to moving the project forward with United Way Greater Toronto and other community partners.

The Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre will be an innovative and exciting model featuring two of the City's leading charities. The updated vision continues to provide important community benefits, including a YMCA with health and fitness services, aquatics, summer day camp, youth and family programming and shared community space, alongside United Way community agency space serving local residents at all ages and stages under one roof.

The revised project continues to advance Council's original vision for the site: using public land to support community infrastructure in an area of significant need. Proceeding with the nominal transfer of the northerly portion of 1355 Bridletowne Circle to the YMCA will help move this important project forward, while allowing the City to update the transaction documents to reflect the current project structure, protect the public-purpose use of the lands, and preserve flexibility for future municipal needs.

The YMCA of Greater Toronto has been committed to this project since its inception. Advancing this project now brings the residents of the Finch-Warden / Steeles-L'Amoreaux / Bridletowne area an important step closer to having much anticipated recreational and community services in their local community.

REASON FOR URGENCY

This motion is urgent as the Birdletowne Neighbourhood Centre project would be delayed without adoption of this motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. *City Council reaffirm the City's commitment to the development of the Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre through the transfer of 5.2 acres of the northerly portion of the property municipally known as 1355 Bridletowne Circle to the Y.M.C.A. of Greater Toronto, as originally approved by City Council under Item [2011.EX9.16](#), to deliver a community-serving hub that will include community agency space, youth and family programming and health and fitness services, provided such transaction can be completed by October 31, 2026.*
2. *City Council authorize the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, or their designate, to negotiate and execute any necessary amendments to the agreement of purchase and sale to transfer 5.2 acres of the northerly portion of the property municipally known as 1355 Bridletowne Circle to the Y.M.C.A. of Greater Toronto, as originally authorized by 2022.GL28.12 and any agreements ancillary thereto, to reflect the withdrawal of Scarborough Health Network from the proposed development, including an option in favour of the City to protect a portion of the property for future municipal need and such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor*
3. *City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, the General Manager of Seniors Services and Long-Term Care, and other relevant Divisions, to urgently identify and assess potential City needs for the portion of 1355 Bridletowne Circle over which the City is reserving an interest, including potential Seniors Services and Long-Term Care needs, and to report back as necessary with any recommended next steps.*
4. *City Council direct the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the City Solicitor, and other appropriate City divisions, to assess the eligibility of the YMCA Bridletowne Community Hub development for designation as a Municipal Capital Facility pursuant to section 252 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, and report back to the General Government Committee with recommendations and necessary authorities.*

Date July 23, 2026