

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Assumption of Lighting Maintenance and Repair on Thomas Clark Way

Moved by: Councillor

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Seconded by: Councillor

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SUMMARY:

Thomas Clark Way was dedicated as a future public street more than a decade ago but remains unassumed because the City has not completed the road extension required to bring it into the municipal road network. While the adjacent developments have long since been completed and occupied, repeated delays to the City's construction schedule have left the roadway in administrative limbo, with no clear responsibility for essential public infrastructure.

In 2022, as part of IA38.1 and Answer IA38.1a on Status of Thomas Clark Way Extension, City staff advised that construction of the Thomas Clark Way extension was expected to begin in 2023 after work had been delayed during the COVID-19 pandemic. That timeline was subsequently pushed to August 2026, and the Councillors office has now been advised that construction has been delayed again until at least April 2027. As a result, the road remains unassumed years after development was completed.

For more than two years, three streetlights on Thomas Clark Way have been inoperable. Because the roadway has not been assumed, neither the City nor Toronto Hydro has accepted responsibility for maintaining the lighting, while the condominium corporation has been left responsible for infrastructure that would ordinarily form part of the public street network. Given that the prolonged delay in assuming the roadway is the result of repeated City delays rather than any action by the property owner, it is unreasonable to continue expecting the condominium corporation to bear responsibility for infrastructure that should already be part of the City's transportation network.

The absence of functioning streetlights creates an ongoing safety hazard for residents, pedestrians, and motorists. Until the roadway is assumed, the City should undertake the necessary repairs and maintenance of the streetlighting to protect public safety and ensure that residents are not disadvantaged by delays beyond their control.

REASON FOR URGENCY:

This motion is urgent because City staff have recently advised that construction of the Thomas Clark Way road extension has been delayed until 2027, further postponing the assumption of the roadway and prolonging the uncertainty over responsibility for its streetlighting. As a result,

residents will continue to be subjected to unsafe conditions caused by inoperable streetlights for an extended period unless immediate action is taken. Given that this is the last regular meeting of Council before the end of the term, deferring consideration would unnecessarily delay a solution to an ongoing public safety issue.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, through the Transportation Electrical Construction and Maintenance Group, in consultation with Toronto Hydro, to undertake the necessary repairs to the lighting on Thomas Clark Drive in advance of the full road assumption.

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