



MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Revitalizing St. Patrick's Market Square

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Moise

SUMMARY:

The City of Toronto is developing a long-term real estate strategy for the Grange Precinct in downtown Toronto. This work is led by CreateTO on behalf of the City and in close collaboration with community partners. The precinct includes several important public assets, including St. Patrick's Market, St. Patrick's Market Square, Harrison Pool, University Settlement, and Grange Park.

The Grange Precinct is a vital part of Toronto's downtown west community. It is home to significant cultural institutions, community-serving organizations, public spaces, and a diverse population of residents. The area serves as an important gathering place, connecting neighbourhoods while supporting recreation, culture, social services, and community programming.

The Grange Precinct Real Estate Strategy seeks to establish a long-term vision for the area by:

- coordinating capital investments across City divisions and agencies;
- maximizing the public value and benefit of City-owned assets;
- responding to community social, recreational, and programmatic needs; and
- improving accessibility, connectivity, and the quality of the public realm throughout the precinct.

This work is being informed through a cross-divisional planning process and community engagement. Community consultation has consistently identified the importance of St. Patrick's Market Square parkette as a valued public space and gathering place. Residents and stakeholders have also expressed interest in seeing improvements delivered as early as possible while longer-term planning for the precinct continues.

This motion would support the exploration of opportunities to advance near-term improvements to St. Patrick's Market Square parkette through a phased approach that complements the broader Grange Precinct Real Estate Strategy. It would also ensure that potential enhancements identified by the community, including outdoor fitness equipment and other recreational amenities, are considered through future public consultation and design work.

Reason for Urgency:

The Grange Precinct Real Estate Strategy is currently underway and, separately, planning for

future park capital investments is being considered through the City's upcoming budget processes. This motion is therefore urgent to provide direction to staff to evaluate opportunities for advancing improvements to St. Patrick's Market Square and to ensure that community priorities are considered as work on the broader precinct strategy proceeds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, CreateTO, to review opportunities to expedite the phased delivery of improvements to St. Patrick's Market Square parkette as part of the City's broader Grange Precinct Real Estate Strategy and to include potential enhancements identified through community feedback, including outdoor fitness equipment and other recreational amenities, as part of future public consultations and design considerations.

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