



Motion without Notice

Commemorating Former TTC Chair Howard Moscoe

Moved by: Chair Jamaal Myers

Seconded by: Vice-Chair Joe Mihevc

Urgency Statement

Howard Moscoe, former Chair, Vice Chair, and Commissioner of the Toronto Transit Commission, passed away on May 23, 2026. This motion is urgent as direction to staff to promptly and appropriately identify opportunities to recognize and commemorate Howard Moscoe's lifetime of contributions and achievements is required before the end of this Board term.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Direct TTC staff to report to the July 22, 2026 TTC Board meeting with recommendations on options to commemorate former TTC Chair Howard Moscoe and his contributions to the Toronto Transit Commission, including consideration of a commemorative naming.
2. Direct TTC staff, when developing the recommendations, to consult with the family of Howard Moscoe and any relevant local stakeholders on the commemoration.

Summary

Howard Moscoe served as an elected member of Toronto, Metro and North York Councils for 32 years, serving on Toronto City Council for four consecutive terms from 1998 to 2010. He represented North York Spadina from 1998 to 2000, and Eglinton Lawrence from 2000 to 2010.

Prior to amalgamation, he was elected to the North York City Council – first as an Alderman from 1978 to 1985 and later as a City Controller from 1985 to 1988 – during which time he also served on on Metro Toronto Council. Later, he was elected as a Metro Toronto Councillor from 1988 to 1997 representing North York Spadina.

While a Member of Toronto City Council, he served as Commissioner, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission over his 14 years service on the Commission. He served on the TTC Board from 1992 to 2006, and was Chair from 1998 to 2000 and from 2003 to 2006.

During his first term as Chair, the TTC broke ground on the new Queens Quay streetcar line that connects Union Station with Exhibition Place, began construction on the Sheppard subway, and started to build the Transit Control Centre at Hillcrest Complex.

In his second term as Chair, Moscoe helped steer the TTC through the SARS crisis and the 2003 electricity blackout and the TTC introduced its 2003 Ridership Growth Strategy—a guiding document for transit investment in the decade that followed, which saw the system grow ridership to more than half a billion riders annually.

Howard Moscoe's contributions to the Toronto Transit Commission are worthy of recognition. As such, this motion gives direction to TTC staff to identify opportunities for Mr. Moscoe to be commemorated.

Date: June 1, 2026