



## Notice of Motion

### Express bus service to Highland Creek Neighbourhood

**Moved by:**        **Commissioner** Jennifer McKelvie

**Seconded by:**   **Commissioner** Brad Bradford

#### **Summary**

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Highland Creek is home to the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus (UTSC), Centennial College Morningside Campus, Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre, and over 12,000 residents. A quarter of these residents use transit to get to work, well below the city-wide average of 37%. The neighbourhood also experiences longer than average commute times, with 26.5% of residents spending greater than one-hour travelling to work.

Currently, bus route 116A serves Highland Creek residents via an eight minute service loop on Conlins Rd, Canmore Blvd, Morrish Rd, and Ellesmere Ave. After stopping at Military Trail and Ellesmere, the bus continues on a lengthy local service route to Kennedy Station. In peak service hours, this can take upwards of one hour.

Highland Creek residents do not have access to a direct express bus to higher order transit. Local residents have expressed concern about the poor transfer alignment between the 116A and 905 routes at Military Trail and Ellesmere Road.

#### **Recommendation**

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That the Board direct staff to investigate and report back by Q4/19 on the feasibility of providing direct express bus service to Highland Creek residents while maintaining the existing eight minute loop local service. This could include, but not be limited to, improving transfer alignments at Military Trail and Ellesmere, introducing express service on the 116 route, or considering a route extension of the 905 Eglinton East.

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