



Notice of Motion

Closure of Pedestrian Bridge over Rouge River

Date: December 15, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Brenner **Signature:**

Seconded By: Councillor Cook **Signature:**

WHEREAS, Parks Canada closed access to Rouge Beach and the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail including the pedestrian bridge over Rouge River abruptly, November 26, 2025 with a scheduled re-opening in 2027;

And Whereas, upon becoming aware of the proposed closure in early fall, City of Pickering staff arranged a meeting with Parks Canada;

And Whereas, a meeting was held on December 8, 2025;

And Whereas, Pickering staff in advance of the meeting, communicated concerns with Parks Canada, that while the Waterfront Trail was being considered for closure in Toronto including the pedestrian bridge over Rouge River, that the section of Waterfront Trail from the bottom end of Dyson Road to Bella Vista Drive should remain open for Pickering residents;

And Whereas, many of those using the pedestrian bridge, use it to access the Rouge Hill GO Station to get to and from work, including employees of Abbeylawn Retirement Home;

And Whereas, the posted detour route for the Waterfront Trail closure requires Pickering users to walk up Dyson Road and Rougemount Drive to Kingston Road which is not practical.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. That Parks Canada be requested to immediately take the necessary steps to explore options to re-open access across the pedestrian bridge at the foot of

Dyson Road to enable residents to access the Rouge Hill GO Station during the Rouge Beach Improvements project; and,

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Juanita Nathan, MP Pickering-Brooklin, Mikailou Sy, Field Unit Superintendent, Rouge, Parks Canada, Waterfront Regeneration Trust, Rougemount Community and Recreation Association, Pickering West Shore Community Association, and the General Manager of Parks and Recreation, City of Toronto.