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Notice of Motion to Allow Neighbourhood Retail

Moved: Councillor Tedjo
 Seconded: Councillor Fonseca

WHEREAS Council approved the Mississauga Official Plan 2051, including section 10.4.3 which states “Retail uses may be permitted within Neighbourhoods to provide retail uses convenient to the local residents.”;

AND WHEREAS Council has committed to creating complete neighbourhoods, which includes walkable access to retail such as grocery or convenience stores, food services, and other local shops;

And WHEREAS the majority of single family homes and neighbourhoods have walkability score defining them as car-dependent, neighbourhood retail would promote car-free travel, promoting environmentally sustainable living, in addition to health and wellness;

AND WHEREAS the introduction of retail and services in residential neighbourhoods can help create opportunities to build places for residents to congregate and engage with their fellow neighbours creating stronger communities;

AND WHEREAS many residents already operate non-permitted businesses within their homes and should be brought into compliance within the city’s licensing and business framework;

AND WHEREAS more information is needed to determine the scale and scope of neighbourhood retail;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff shall undertake a study on neighbourhood retail to determine its feasibility in appropriate neighbourhoods, define appropriate small scale retail and services, and which zoned types this would apply to;
2. Staff shall bring back an information report to Council, and provide options for direction for city initiated zoning amendments to facilitate appropriate neighbourhood retail;
3. This work will be complete before the end of this term of Council.

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