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Toronto, ON – City Council today adopted Councillor Paul W. Ainslie’s request to explore the repurposing of the route currently utilized by the Scarborough Rapid Transit line (“SRT”) as a new linear park and active transportation corridor.

The decommissioning of SRT provides a unique opportunity to explore the feasibility of adaptive reuse of the existing above grade track into a linear park. Much like “The High Line” in New York City. The existing 6.4km track could link McCowan Station at the eastern terminus to Kennedy Station at the western. Both Scarborough neighbourhoods are undergoing significant growth and the potential to reuse this existing track could offer the opportunity to provide Scarborough with a wholly unique park. Two City-owned properties bookend the track, one at 2444 Eglinton Ave East, the other at 40 Busby Dr.; both properties have been identified as Housing Now sites.

Councillor Ainslie’s office, working with CreateTO and the TTC has been advancing [several](#) exciting initiatives in and around Scarborough Centre, including a new Housing Now site at 40 Busby Drive.

“With the anticipated growth at Scarborough Centre, we have been putting our minds to what creative opportunities may exist to improve the public realm and provide opportunities for the many new residents who will call this part of Scarborough home in the coming years.” stated Councillor Ainslie.

Over the coming months, Councillor Ainslie’s office will work closely with our staff at CreateTO, the TTC and the City of Toronto, along with the residents on this initiative, and better determine how this might integrate with other opportunities to create a complete and vibrant community in this part of Scarborough.

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