

Executive Committee

Meeting No.	11	Contact	Patsy Morris, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Tuesday, September 4, 2007	Phone	416-392-9151
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	pmorris@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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Establishment of a Reserve Account for Parks Improvements North Rosedale Ratepayer’s Association North Rosedale Community

(August 24, 2007) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommend that:

1. the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to establish an obligatory reserve fund called the “North Rosedale Reserve Fund” for receiving cash donations toward enhancements of parks and publicly-owned and accessible ravines within the North Rosedale community, and for operating Parks, Forestry and Recreation programs within the North Rosedale community;
2. Municipal Code, Chapter 227 [Reserves and Reserve Funds] be amended by adding the “North Rosedale Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9 – Donations Reserve Fund;
3. all donations received by the North Rosedale Ratepayers’ Association and by the City for the North Rosedale Reserve Fund be held separately in the North Rosedale Reserve Fund designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes be issued by the City of Toronto to donors for eligible donations in accordance with the Income Tax Act and City policy in this regard;
4. authority be granted to Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into an agreement, if necessary, with the North Rosedale Ratepayers’ Association to allow the North Rosedale Ratepayers’ Association to fundraise on behalf of the City of Toronto for facility enhancements in the North Rosedale community and for operating Parks and Forestry programs in the community, in a form and content satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor;

5. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

Capital projects will be implemented only when sufficient community donations have been received by the City to fully execute the work identified and as agreed to by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

Operating costs are already allocated for maintenance and operation of the existing children's playground and wading pool in Rosedale Park. Those operating costs are not expected to increase due to the proposed enhancement of those two facilities.

Any operating costs associated with the proposed programs (e.g. implementing a possible tree canopy management strategy in the North Rosedale community) will be funded from the North Rosedale Reserve Fund to the extent that funds are available.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization to establish an obligatory reserve fund to receive donations from the North Rosedale Ratepayer's Association in order to fund Parks and Forestry related capital projects and operating programs in the North Rosedale community (see Attachment #1). The report will also request authority for the City of Toronto to issue receipts for income tax purposes for eligible donations in accordance with the Income Tax Act.

The North Rosedale Ratepayers' Association wishes to fund-raise for the enhancement of park facilities in the North Rosedale community and for Parks and Forestry programs within the North Rosedale community. The fundraising target for this reserve fund is \$500,000.00 and the fund will be reviewed every three years. Funds will be applied to capital projects and operating programs in the North Rosedale community as agreed to by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division in consultation with the North Rosedale Ratepayers' Association and the Councillor for Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

The stated goals and objectives of the North Rosedale Ratepayers' Association are generally in keeping with the mandate of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to provide active recreation opportunities and to steward the environment. Consequently, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that the reserve fund be established.

Background Information

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-6400.pdf>)

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Design and Development of June Callwood Park

(August 29, 2007) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Recommendations

The Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommend that:

1. the process of a limited design competition including the issuance of a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) and subsequent selection of a designer as outlined in Attachment 1 of this report be adopted;
2. the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation in consultation with the June Callwood Park Steering Committee be authorized to select a jury to participate in the design competition as described in Attachment 1;
3. the General Manager of Parks Forestry and Recreation be authorized to award honoraria as outlined for Stage 2 of the competition in Attachment 1;
4. Park levies, as directed by the Development Levy Agreement, in the amount of \$1.115 million held by the City from the Fort York Neighbourhood development be applied to the design and development of June Callwood Park;
5. up to \$0.150 million of the \$1.115 million be used in 2007 and 2008 to fund the design competition costs for June Callwood Park including: a professional advisor, a quantity surveyor, competition administration and honoraria for finalists;
6. the 2007- 2008 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Plan be adjusted to include the design competition for June Callwood Park (Phase 1 of the June Callwood Park capital project) in the amount of \$0.150 million with cash flows of \$0.035 million in 2007, \$0.115 million in 2008;
7. future Fort York Neighbourhood development park levies, and parks-related Development Charges as available, projected at \$1.157 million be applied to the development and construction of June Callwood Park;
8. City Council authorize the establishment of a donation reserve fund called “June Callwood Park Reserve Fund” for receiving funds from public and private donors toward the operating, maintenance, programming and future re-development of June Callwood Park;
9. Municipal Code Chapter 227 (Reserves and Reserve Funds) be amended by adding the “June Callwood Park Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9 – Donation Reserve Funds; and
10. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to

give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

The total project cost for June Callwood Park capital project, including design and construction, is estimated at \$2.270 million. The project is planned to be completed in two phases.

Phase 1: The design competition process in 2007-2008, for which approval is sought in this report, will be funded by \$0.150 million of the \$1.115 million existing Fort York Neighbourhood development park levy money on deposit with the City.

Phase 2: The tender and construction of the park planned for 2009-2011 at an estimated cost of \$2.122 million, for which approval will be sought in future-year Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budgets and Plans, will be funded by the remaining \$0.965 million of existing Fort York Neighbourhood development park levy money on deposit with the City and \$1.157 million expected to be received by the City through additional park levy money and Development Charges, as available, generated from future Fort York Neighbourhood development.

Operating Budget Impact: It is estimated that annual operating costs will be approximately 5 per cent of capital costs or \$115,000, starting in 2012. Once the park is open, there will be an operating budget impact to Parks, Forestry and Recreation. However, to help offset these costs, a reserve fund is recommended to be established to receive donations from public and private donors who would like to contribute to the operating, maintenance and programming of this new park..

Summary

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division seeks approval to proceed with a design competition and designation of funds to support the design and development of June Callwood Park. The Division also seeks authority to set up a Donation Reserve Fund to help offset the operation, maintenance, programming and future re-development costs for the park.

June Callwood Park is to be designed and developed as a new park in the historic Fort York area of Toronto. A limited design competition will be administered by a steering committee and professional advisor to request design submissions from local and international professional urban park design firms.

Once submissions are short-listed, a report will come to City Council for decision on the design of June Callwood Park..

Background Information

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-6401.pdf>)