



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Donation from the MLSE Team Up Foundation for Replacement of Sports Floor at O'Connor Community Centre

<b>Date:</b>	September 8, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Community Development and Recreation Committee
<b>From:</b>	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 34, Don Valley East
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### **SUMMARY**

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This report requests that Toronto City Council accept a donation of up to \$130,000 from the Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) Team Up Foundation for the purpose of replacing the gymnasium sports floor at O'Connor Community Centre, and to request Council authority to authorize the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and enter into a contractual agreement with the MLSE Team Up Foundation for the purpose of accepting the donation.

The MLSE Team Up Foundation is the charitable arm of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment and is dedicated to the development of grass-roots sports and sports initiatives for at-risk children and youth. On August 31st, 2009, the Board of Directors of the MLSE Team Up Foundation committed to completely fund the replacement of the sports floor at O'Connor Community Centre.

O'Connor Community Centre is a Priority Centre offering free programming to the Flemingdon Park/Victoria Village Priority Neighbourhood. This donation enhances a 2009 scheduled project to make improvements to the community centre.

According to the 2006 amendment to the *Policy on Donations to the City for Community Benefits*, City Council approval is required to accept donations from any individual or organization whose cumulative value over the course of the fiscal year exceeds \$50,000. The value of this donation is \$130,000.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that:**

1. City Council grant approval to accept a donation of up to \$130,000 from the MLSE Team Up Foundation for replacement of the gymnasium sports floor at O'Connor Community Centre, in accordance with the "Policy on Donations to the City for Community Benefits".
2. City Council approve the creation of a new O'Connor Community Centre Gymnasium Floor Replacement Project in the 2009 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget with revenues and expenses of \$130,000, funded from a donation received from the MLSE Team Up Foundation and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project. Expenditures will be limited to the funds received;
3. City Council grant authority to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the MLSE Team Up Foundation for the purpose of accepting the donation, on terms and conditions satisfactory in form and content to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and City Solicitor.

### **Implementation Points**

The O'Connor Community Centre Gymnasium Floor Replacement Project will be tendered, awarded and executed by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation division.

The MLSE Team Up Foundation will make a cash donation to the City of Toronto to fully fund the Project.

### **Financial Impact**

There will be no net financial impact as a result of this agreement. There are no new operating impacts as a result of this agreement.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

### **COMMENTS**

The MLSE Team Up Foundation is the charitable arm of MLSE, an organization who has partnered with the City of Toronto since 2006 to build and refurbish indoor and outdoor basketball courts and artificial ice rinks across the City. Support from MLSE has helped to engage youth from priority neighbourhoods in community initiatives that promote

teamwork and physical activity, while supporting Toronto's sport infrastructure by enhancing existing state of good repair (SOGR) projects and reducing the SOGR backlog for sports facilities.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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