



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Donation from the MLSE Team Up Foundation for a Soccer Pitch Refurbishment Project

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To:	City Council
From:	Cam Weldon, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer
Wards:	All
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SUMMARY

This report requests that Toronto City Council accept a donation of up to \$60,000 from the Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) Team Up Foundation for the purpose of refurbishing a Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) soccer pitch.

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. In March 2010, the Board of Directors of the MLSE Team Up Foundation committed to donate \$60,000 towards the refurbishment of a PF&R soccer pitch. The scope of the project will be adjusted such that the donation from the MLSE Team Up Foundation will completely cover the cost of the refurbishment.

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 organizations whose cumulative value over the course of the fiscal year exceeds \$50,000. The value of this donation is \$60,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

1. City Council accept a cash donation of up to \$60,000 from the MLSE Team Up Foundation for refurbishment of a City-owned soccer pitch in accordance with the “Policy on Donations to the City for Community Benefits”;

2. the 2010 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget be amended to include an additional project of \$60,000 gross for the refurbishment of a City-owned soccer pitch funded by a \$60,000 donation from MLSE Team Up Foundation; and
3. the General Manager of Parks Forestry and Recreation be authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with the MLSE Team Up Foundation for the purpose of accepting the donation.

Implementation Points

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff will identify a list of priority projects for consideration using the capital State of Good Repair list and parks maintenance priorities.

This list of options will be presented to the MLSE Team Up Foundation for their consideration. Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the MLSE Team Up Foundation will conduct site visits and further explore the scope of each project, including community involvement and community need. Through this process, PF&R and MLSE would agree on a final project.

The local Councillor and key stakeholders will be consulted before finalizing the project location and scope.

The MLSE Team Up Foundation will make a cash donation to the City of Toronto to fully fund the Project, and PF&R will be responsible for project management in close cooperation with MLSE.

A community event will be held at the project site to celebrate the project and to engage the community in their newly refurbished space.

Financial Impact

The 2010 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget will be amended to include an additional project of \$60,000 gross for the refurbishment of a City-owned soccer pitch funded by a \$60,000 donation from MLSE Team Up Foundation. The scope of the project will be adjusted such that the donation from the MLSE Team Up Foundation will completely cover the cost of the refurbishment.

There will be no additional operating impacts since no new facilities will be built 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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