

Donation to Robert (Bob) Leek Park Revitalization

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From:	General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 9 - York Centre
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SUMMARY

This report seeks Toronto City Council approval to accept a cash donation in the amount of \$61,500.00 from the Toronto Community Foundation and \$97,255.00 in the form of in-kind donations from a number of local businesses and unions toward redeveloping Robert (Bob) Leek Park in accordance with the Policy on Donations to the City for Community Benefits.

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 where the value of the donation exceeds \$50,000.00. The combined financial and in-kind value of this donation is \$158,755.00.

The following private corporations and union locals have committed to provide in-kind labour and materials estimated to be \$97,255.00 towards the revitalization of the park space:

- (i) Teskey Construction
- (ii) United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, Local 27
- (iii) Labourers International Unions of North America, Local 183

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division will act as the constructor, pre-approve all plans, and provide oversight of the project through to completion.

At its meeting held September 15, 2009, North York Community Council passed a motion to officially rename Hanover Park, located at Hanover Road and Powell Road, as “Robert (Bob) Leek Park” in honour of the late 25-year veteran fire fighter and his significant contributions to Toronto Fire Services and the citizens of Toronto as a District Chief. In addition to transforming what is currently an undeveloped vacant parcel of land into usable

parkland for the local community, the revitalized Robert (Bob) Leek Park will serve as a monument to the fallen firefighter who perished responding to the Sunrise Natural Gas site explosion in 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that City Council:

1. accept the donation from the Toronto Community Foundation in the amount of \$61,500.00;
2. accept the in-kind donation of general labour and materials valued at \$97,255.00 provided by the following businesses and union locals:
 - (i) Teskey Construction
 - (ii) United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, Local 27
 - (iii) Labourers International Unions of North America, Local 183;
3. authorize the selection of the named unions, on a sole source basis, as pre-selected service providers for this Project;
4. amend the 2010 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget to increase the Hanover Park (Bob Leek) development project by \$61,500 from \$75,000 to \$136,500 gross, funded by the cash donation of \$61,500 from the Toronto Community Foundation; and
5. authorize the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into appropriate agreements with the Toronto Community Foundation and the named unions and businesses in relation to the financial and in-kind contributions made towards this project, on terms and conditions satisfactory in form and content to the General Manager and City Solicitor.

Financial Impact

The 2010 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget includes a Hanover Park (Bob Leek) development project, in the amount of \$75,000 gross, funded from the Parkland Development Reserve Fund. Adoption of the recommendations in this report will amend the 2010 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget to include the cash donation of \$61,500 gross from the Toronto Community Foundation in the Hanover Park Project increasing it from \$75,000 to \$136,500 gross. In addition, the in-kind donation estimated at \$97,255.00 will be used to supply concrete, building materials and a portion of the labour to fabricate a concrete walkway and sitting area, and construct a wooden arbour feature.

The Robert (Bob) Leek Park site will be closed for construction during the busiest part of the operating season, therefore only minor maintenance will be required for the balance of the year after the revitalized park opens. Sufficient funds exist in the 2010 operating budget for this minor maintenance resulting from the maintenance funds saved during the construction period.

The project will revitalize the park and add amenities to the site which are expected to add incremental annual maintenance costs of \$16,439.00 in 2011, which will be requested in the 2011 Operating Budget submission.

The Fair Wage Office has reported favourably on this arrangement.

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

COMMENTS

The Councillor for Ward 9 – York Centre was approached by a number of Toronto businesses, unions and organizations who indicated their desire to support the revitalization of Robert (Bob) Leek Park through financial contributions and/or the donation of materials and in-kind labour.

The financial donation from the Toronto Community Foundation will be allocated to the purchase of new playground equipment and decorative metal fencing. The organizations providing the donations of in-kind labour and materials will work with the City on a number of aspects of the project including the addition of a concrete walk and sitting area, and the construction of a wooden arbour feature.

The City will be responsible for site design and grading. The Unions will donate labour and materials for services within their respective areas of specialization and will deliver the project according to City specifications.

The following organizations have made financial contributions to the project through the Toronto Community Foundation:

- (i) Parc Downsview Park
- (ii) Enbridge
- (iii) MP Charitable Foundation (Bridlepath Property Management)
- (iv) Toronto Professional Firefighters' Association
- (v) Bombarbier
- (vi) Biddington Property Management
- (vii) Bell Canada
- (viii) Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 113
- (ix) National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union (CAW Canada)
- (x) Drywall, Acoustics, Lathing & Insulation, Local 675

- (xi) Ironworkers, Local 721
- (xii) International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 353
- (xiii) Labourers International Unions of North America, Local 506
- (xiv) United Associated Journeymen & Apprentices - Plumbing and Pipe Fitting, Local 46

The following organizations are committed to providing in-kind materials and/or labour to support the project:

- (i) Teskey Construction
- (ii) United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, Local 27
- (iii) Labourers International Unions of North America, Local 183

The City will be selecting the Unions providing the in-kind materials and labour on a sole source basis to perform their part of the work on the site. The Fair Wage Office has reported favourably on this arrangement.

Through the generosity of the donors engaged in this project, the City will gain a revitalized park from this project that will be substantially augmented by the financial, material, and in-kind labour donations of the partners.

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