
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM52.14	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Request to accept and allocate donated funds from Urban Arts Community Arts Council to complete capital improvements at 5 Bartonville Avenue - by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Di Giorgio

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

** This Motion has been deemed urgent.*

Recommendations

Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Di Giorgio, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize an increase to Facilities and Real Estate's 2010 Approved Capital Budget in the amount of \$0.095 million, and to allow the Facilities and Real Estate Division to receive this funding from a 3rd party contributor, with a zero net impact in order to contribute to the capital costs of the ProTech Media Centre and Youth Arts Hub in Weston Mt. Dennis located at 5 Bartonville Avenue.

Summary

Through the approval of the 2009 Capital Budget, City Council approved capital funding to establish a ProTech Media Centre and Youth Arts Hub in the priority neighbourhood of Weston Mt. Dennis through the Partnership Opportunities Legacy (POL) Fund. Total project costs were estimated at over \$0.500 million, of which \$0.350 million is to be funded by the POL Fund, with the remaining funds to be raised through external partner donations. These funds will be used to renovate the 5 Bartonville Avenue East site in order to bring it up to a state of good repair and create usable community space. Currently, total project cost approved in Facilities and Real Estate's Capital Budget for this project is \$0.350 million.

In 2009, City Council authorized Urban Arts Community Arts Council, a community-based arts organization, as the Below Market Rent tenant at 5 Bartonville Avenue for the purpose of operation and programming of the new ProTech Media Centre and Youth Arts Hub. Urban Arts has 22 years of service providing arts and skill development programming to children and youth in Weston Mt. Dennis and is strongly committed to increasing accessible community space in the neighbourhood. Urban Arts has agreed to contribute an amount of \$0.095 million towards the renovation of the space.

Authority is being sought to accept a donation of \$0.095 million from Urban Arts Community Arts Council and allocate it towards the transformation of the vacant City works yard and building at 5 Bartonville Avenue into the Weston Mt. Dennis ProTech Media Centre and Youth Arts Hub.

This matter is urgent, in order to enable the Facilities Management to hire contractors so the first phase of construction can commence this fall.

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