

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM8.19	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 231 College Street, to fund the creation and installation of a Heritage Plaque at Central Technical School Commemorating the life of Sam Richardson - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** 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.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2019 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto by \$2,200.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 231-237 College Street and 177-189 Huron Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700836), for the production and installation of a Heritage Plaque commemorating the life of Sam Richardson (Cost Centre: HG 0001).

Summary

This Motion seeks to release \$2,200 in Section 37 funds to Heritage Toronto for a heritage plaque commemorating the life of Sam Richardson. The plaque is proposed to be installed at Central Technical School.

Born in Toronto in 1919, Sam Richardson was a gifted track-and-field athlete. His great grandparents had been enslaved in the United States and fled to Canada through the Underground Railroad. In the 1930s, he attended Central Technical School on Harbord Street where he excelled in track-and field and played with the football and rugby teams.

In 1934, he represented Canada at the British Empire Games (now the Commonwealth Games) in London, England where he won both gold and silver medals. In 1935, he jumped 24',11" in the broad jump, setting a Canadian outdoor record that remained unbeaten until 1965.

Richardson was a member of the Canadian 1936 Olympics team in Berlin, in Nazi Germany. His participation, along with that of another young black Canadian athlete, Phil Edwards, was both controversial and courageous. In Berlin, Richardson befriended and competed against American Jesse Owens in the 4x100 metre relay race. He also took part in the triple and long

jump competitions.

Returning to Toronto, Richardson pursued a successful career at the CBC as a set builder. He was inducted into the Canadian Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 1978 and mentored young athletes throughout his life. He passed away in 1989.

The enacting By-law for the development at 231-237 College Street and 177-189 Huron Street states that 3 years following the date of the By-law coming into full force and effect, the monies may be redirected at the discretion of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the local Councillor, toward a range of local community benefits including heritage related improvements in the vicinity of the lot. The By-law came into full force and effect on July 9, 2015 and the three years have passed. Accordingly, the funds that have been secured from the development at 231 College Street can now be used for heritage related improvements in the vicinity of the site.

As Heritage Toronto is a directly funded City agency and not considered an "outside party", no undertaking is required to be signed by Heritage Toronto governing the use of the funds and financial reporting.

Background Information (City Council)

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