

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM8.17	ACTION			Ward: 9
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Request to Amend the 2019 Parks Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget for the Sports Fields (MacGregor Playground) Project - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** 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 Ana Bailão, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Approved 2019 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget for the Sports Fields FY2018-2020 sub-project in the Outdoor Recreation Centre project, in the amount of \$0.124 million, increasing the total project cost from \$1.000 million to \$1.124 million and 2019 cash flow from \$0.628 million to \$0.752 million with funding from the Section 42 Above 5 percent Cash-in-lieu for 138 St. Helen's Avenue (Source Account: XR2213-4200482) for improvements to the MacGregor Playground ball diamond.

Summary

This Motion seeks authority to increase the total project cost for the Sports Fields FY2018-2020 sub-project in the 2019 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget by \$0.124 million to include improvements to the MacGregor Playground ball diamond.

MacGregor Playground is a 1.4 hectare City park containing a ball diamond, playground, basketball court, fire pit and splash pad. In October of 2018, construction of a condominium building at 138 St. Helen's Avenue, directly to the north of the ball diamond, was completed. In May of 2019, Parks, Forestry and Recreation began receiving complaints of baseballs hitting the building (windows, walls and patios) of the condominium. There has been growing conflict between permit holders of the ball diamond and residents of the building. The existing ball diamond has functioned at this location for more than 40 years. Parks, Forestry and Recreation has no plans to remove the current use, but instead will mitigate the impacts of the ball diamond on the residential building to the north.

This request will increase the total project cost and 2019 cash flow for the Sports Fields FY2018-2020 sub-project by \$0.124 million for the construction of a fence to safely protect the residents of the building from the ball diamond users with funding from a Section 42 Above 5 percent Cash-in-lieu. The preliminary design will include the planting of a row of mature trees

between the property line and the new fence.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-134505.pdf>)