
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM13.5	ACTION			Ward: All
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Release of Section 37 and Section 42 (Planning Act) Funds from Area Developments for Improvements at The Bentway and Fort York National Historic Site - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2019 Capital Budget for Waterfront Revitalization Initiative with total gross costs of \$1,030,846.16 (\$1,030,846.16 gross; \$0 debt), with cash flow commitments of \$1,030,846.16 in 2020, to create Project CWR003-35 for enhancements to public facilities, landscape features and trail connections at The Bentway and Fort York National Historic Site through Section 37 and Section 42 (Planning Act) community benefits, as follows:

- a. Section 37 funds from 65 Grand Magazine, FYN Block 4A (formerly 20, 22, 22A, 24 Bathurst Street) in the amount of \$604,651.16 (Source Account: XR3026-3701003); and
- b. Section 42 funds from 65 Grand Magazine, FYN Block 4A (formerly 20, 22, 22A, 24 Bathurst Street) in the amount of \$426,195.00 (Source Account: XR2213-4201251).

2. City Council authorize the Director, Waterfront Secretariat, City Planning, and the Director, Museums and Heritage Services, Economic Development and Culture to work with the appropriate staff of Waterfront Toronto and The Bentway Conservancy to realize these projects in 2020.

Summary

This Motion seeks City Council authority to release a total of \$1,030,846.16 (made up of \$604,651.16 in Section 37 funding, plus \$426,195.00 in Section 42 funding) on a one-time basis to the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative to enhance public facilities, landscape features and trail connections in the area of The Bentway and Fort York National Historic Site.

Fort York National Historic Site and The Bentway are immediately adjacent to one another and

are both destinations of City-wide significance. Together, the recent creation of The Bentway and the construction of the Fort York Visitors Centre have transformed the derelict lands beneath the Gardiner Expressway, from Strachan Avenue to Bathurst Street, into a busy public space, expanded parkland and a front door for the National Historic Site. These improvements benefit the nearly 80,000 new residents within a short walk, as well as the wider Toronto and national community who visit.

These funds will support the addition of new public amenities and will improve the experience for residents and visitors to the dynamic sites. The release of these funds is time-sensitive in order to permit some construction to be completed over the winter season, and to allow trail work to be undertaken on an urgent basis to stabilize a slope area at the east end of the Fort York Visitor Centre before erosion occurs. This work will also complete a number of connections identified in the Garrison Common Parks and Open Space Plan, the Shoreline Stitch, and the Downtown Parks and Public Realm Plan. These include connections from the recently opened Garrison Crossing pedestrian and cycling bridge to June Callwood Park and the waterfront, as well as connections north from Garrison Crossing to the future Ordnance Park and south Stanley Park extension.

Background Information (City Council)

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