

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM28.16	ACTION			Ward: 10
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Section 37 contribution towards the purchase of a permanent home for SKETCH at 180 Shaw Street - by councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. 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 2021 Staff Recommended Operating Budget for Economic Development and Culture, subsequent to its approval, on a one-time basis by \$0.540 million gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from the development at 1030 King Street West (Source Account XR3026-3700493) and transfer to the Artscape Youngplace property located at 180 Shaw Street to secure 9,000 square feet of space for SKETCH (Cost Centre: AH0017, Functional Area Code 1560400000).
2. City Council delegate authority to City staff to implement Part 1 above, through the preparation of an Agreement identifying the terms and conditions of the capital contribution to SKETCH to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture.

Summary

This Motion is for the allocation of \$0.540 M of Section 37 funds towards a capital project that will secure a permanent home for SKETCH Working Arts for Street Involved and Homeless Youth (SKETCH), a community arts organization serving street involved and homeless youth through arts programs.

SKETCH, is a registered charity. Since 1996, it has engaged marginalized young people in the transformative power of the arts, building their leadership and life skills. SKETCH also celebrates these young people as culture makers, perception changers, and collaborators in creative city and community building.

SKETCH was an original tenant within Artscape Youngplace at 180 Shaw Street SKETCH launched a campaign to purchase and secure their current space so that the organization can continue to afford their 9000 sq. ft. of space, build sustainability, and have youth continue to access the studio and services. Its location, close to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

(CAMH) in the West Queen West neighbourhood allows for the delivery of programs which complement client needs.

SKETCH has raised \$3.20 M through a combination of community bonds, private donors and a mortgage. SKETCH requires an additional \$0.540M to secure the space at 180 Shaw Street.

Section 37 funds have been both secured and received by the City from the development at 1030 King Street West for a variety of purposes including the restoration of the Shaw Street Centre. There currently remains sufficient funds for this motion that has not been spent or is committed.

It is recommended that the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture hold the \$0.540 M Section 37 funding until the agreement between the City and SKETCH is executed to ensure the community benefit is preserved.

The matter is urgent in that SKETCH needs to be able to fulfil its financial obligations by March 31, 2021.

Background Information (City Council)

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