
City Council

Motion without Notice

MM13.3	ACTION			Ward:22
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Toronto District School Board for Capital Improvements to Hodgson Senior Public School Grounds - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Karen Stintz

- * Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
- * 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Karen Stintz, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2011 Operating Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, administered by Social Development, Finance and Administration Division, by \$500.00, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits related to 137, 147 Merton Street and part of 35 Merton Street (source: XR3026-3700236), to provide a one-time grant of \$500.00 to the Toronto District School Board – Hodgson Senior Public School, for the installation of a bench on the grounds of Hodgson Senior Public School, 282 Davisville Avenue, near the public sidewalk.
2. City Council direct that the \$500.00 be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board – Hodgson Senior Public School once the Toronto District School Board signs an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the reporting requirements.

Summary

Authority is being sought to amend the Operating Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program by \$500.00, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits, for a new bench at Hodgson Senior Public School. The bench will be available for public use as part of a sitting and garden area adjacent to the sidewalk. The bench is in memoriam of Margery Winkler, a former Hodgson parent and Professor of Landscape Architecture at Ryerson University. Margery's life was cut short after a courageous battle with cancer in 2009. Margery was committed to the creation of sustainable open spaces and used her expertise to help local schools transform their grounds.

The \$500.00 in Section 37 funds obtained in the development of 137, 147 Merton Street and part of 35 Merton Street (source: XR3026-3700236) were secured through a condition of approval, for "community services and facilities", and have been received by the City. The Toronto District School Board will sign an Undertaking governing the purpose of the funds and the financial reporting requirements before the funds are forwarded.

This funding is urgent due to additional cost pressures associated with the project. The \$500.00 is needed to close the project and ensure that all contractual obligations associated with the capital improvements at Hodgson are met in a timely fashion.

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