

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM19.15	ACTION			Ward:5
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**Request to move forward with the Sherway Trail Construction and Restoration Project - by Councillor Peter Milczyn, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes**

- \* *This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*
- \* *This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*
- \* *This motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Peter Milczyn, seconded by Councillor Mark Grimes, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Minister of Transportation to grant the City of Toronto permission to construct the trail on their lands, by way of any form of agreement that the Ministry of Transportation would deem advisable.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, to grant the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority permission to move forward with the Sherway Trail Construction and Restoration Project once written approval from the Ministry of Transportation is received.
3. City Council amend the Council-approved 2012 Capital Budget for TRCA to create a new capital project called Sherway Trail Construction and Restoration in the amount of \$112,184.06 funded by \$4,555.43 from Section 37 agreements for 700 Evans Avenue (Account Number XR3026-3700181), \$5,029.38 from Section 45 agreement for 700 Evans Avenue (A104/07EYK) (Account Number XR3028-4500071), \$50,293.75 from Section 45 agreement for Evans Avenue (A365/08EYK) (Account Number XR3028-4500068) and \$52,305.50 from Section 45 agreement for 205 & 215 Sherway Gardens Road (Account Number XR3028-4500072).

**Summary**

Since 2009, the Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition has been exploring alternative solutions to progress the Sherway Trail Construction and Restoration Project. This grassroots community organization has been working with the City of Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to support the design and construction of a 600 meter trail, a

bridge crossing and signage as a link between the City of Toronto and the City of Mississauga.

To date, the funding for the trail link has been made available through a Section 37 and Section 45 development contribution and the preliminary trail design has been completed and submitted to the City of Toronto and the TRCA.

The council-approved 2012 Capital Budget for TRCA will be amended to create a new capital project called Sherway Trail Construction and Restoration in the amount of \$112,184.06 funded by \$4,555.43 from Section 37 agreements for 700 Evans Avenue (Account Number XR3026-3700181), \$5,029.38 from Section 45 agreement for 700 Evans Avenue (A104/07EYK) (Account Number XR3028-4500071), \$50,293.75 from Section 45 agreement for Evans Avenue (A365/08EYK) (Account Number XR3028-4500068) and \$52,305.50 from Section 45 agreement for 205 & 215 Sherway Gardens Road (Account Number XR3028-4500072).

Approximately 160 metres of the trail has already been completed in the southern portion of the Etobicoke Valley Park when the Etobicoke Creek Trail was repaved late last year with federal funds from Canada's Economic Action Plan. This land is being considered for sale by the Ontario Realty Corporation as it is owned by the Province; a portion owned by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

The sale of these lands is not expected to occur anytime in the near future, as the studies from Ministry of Transportation are expected to take 3-5 years to complete. And given the extensive work already completed by the TRCA and Parks Forestry and Recreation in designing the preliminary plans, and the strong community support in favour of this project, construction of the trail should proceed so that the Etobicoke residents can enjoy these lands today.

(Submitted to City Council on March 5 and 6, 2012 as MM19.15)