



City Council

Notice of Motion

MM24.7	ACTION			Ward:13
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Request to amend the 2012 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget to accept donated funds and to also accept in-kind donations for the rebuilding of the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground in High Park - by Councillor Sarah Doucette, seconded by Councillor Norm Kelly

** 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 Sarah Doucette, seconded by Councillor Norm Kelly recommends that:

1. City Council amend the 2012 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget to increase the capital project known as "Play Equipment Program FY2012," account CPR 119-42-03, to accept donations raised by the City and the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation in the amount of \$0.150 million to a total of \$1.550 million. Funds are to be cash-flowed in 2012 and to be used for playground enhancements at the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground in High Park. Should any donated funds remain at the conclusion of the work, these funds will continue to be held by the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation for future use solely at the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground in High Park.
2. City Council accept in-kind donations from Mike Holmes, Make it Right, The Series, Inc., Make it Right Construction Inc. (the Holmes Group), and Lowe's, valued at over \$60,000.00 CDN, for the portions of the design and construction of the new castle playground feature and landscape enhancements not funded through the cash donations received at the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground in High Park.
3. City Council authorize the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into an agreement with Make it Right, The Series, Inc. and Make it Right Construction Inc. to spend the donated funds for the development of the Jamie Bell Adventure

Playground project on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

Authority is being sought to amend the 2012 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget to increase the capital project known as "Play Equipment Program FY2012," account CPR 119-42-03, in the amount of \$0.150 million to a total of \$1.550 million to accept donations raised through the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation and the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation Partnership Development Unit. Already, over \$0.115 million in donations have been received and it is anticipated that more may be received over the next few weeks through a donor-matching program.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have worked with the local councillor, community and donors to develop and design a new castle playground structure to replace the one destroyed in March 2012 by fire and to undertake related site improvements and enhancements to the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground at High Park. It is anticipated that the planned improvements and enhancements are not expected to increase the cost of operations at the site. Donations received by June 30th, 2012 will fund the project and the final project value will not be greater than the actual total of the donations received.

Major corporations, not-for-profit organizations and private citizens have all contributed significant funds to the rebuilding effort.

Summary of Donations to date:

Canadian Tire Corporation Ltd.	-	\$50,000
Canadian Tire Store #182	-	\$ 5,000.
Canadian Tire Store #070	-	\$ 5,000.
TD Bank Group	-	\$10,000.
Sprott Family Foundation	-	\$30,000. (donor matching program)
Individual contributions through the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation	-	\$ 6,175.
Lowe's	-	\$10,000. (in-kind contribution)
The Holmes Group (Make it Right, The Series, Inc. and Make it Right Construction Inc.)	-	minimum \$50,000. (in-kind contribution)

(Submitted to City Council on June 6 and 7, 2012 as MM24.7)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM24.7

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/mm/bgrrd/backgroundfile-47986.pdf>