
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM25.5	ACTION			Ward:15
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In-Kind Donation of a Community Greenhouse and Garden (PE14.4) - Removal of the Matter from the Parks and Environment Committee - by Councillor Josh Colle seconded by Councillor Norman Kelly

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** The Parks and Environment Committee currently has jurisdiction for this subject matter. A two thirds vote is required to remove Item PE14.4 from the Committee's jurisdiction.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor Norman Kelly, recommends that:

1. City Council adopt the following recommendations contained in the report (June 5, 2012) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, amended to now read as follows:
 1. City Council approve the acceptance of an in-kind donation of a community greenhouse and garden for Fairbank Park from the York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors, subject to an acceptable agreement being negotiated as set out in Recommendation 2 below.
2. City Council direct the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors for the construction, ongoing maintenance and operation of a community greenhouse and garden in the Fairbank Park, all in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

The Parks and Environment Committee meeting scheduled for June 19, 2012 had before it an Item on the in-kind donation of a community greenhouse and garden (Item PE14.4). The Committee's meeting did not take place and as a result, Item PE14.4 has been deferred to the

next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee in September.

This Motion seeks to remove Item PE14.4 from the Parks and Environment Committee and bring it forward to City Council for consideration at the July 11 and 12, 2012 meeting.

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation is seeking authority to enter into a partnership with the York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors to transform an under-utilized outdoor bocce court into a community greenhouse and garden located within Fairbank Park in Ward 15.

The in-kind donation of the community greenhouse and garden is fully funded by two grants received by the York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and Live Green Toronto.

In order to comply with the grants' requirements, construction must commence by early fall 2012, and an agreement with the City must be in place prior to the start of construction.

(Submitted to City Council on July 11 and 12, 2012 as Motion MM25.5)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM25.5

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-48982.pdf>