City Council

Notice of Motion

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Authority to Release Section 37 Funds, 20 Graydon Hall Drive to O'Connor Irish Heritage House Inc. and Toronto Catholic District School Board for Heritage Restoration and/or Capital Improvements to O'Connor House, 50 Rowena Drive - by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor John Parker

Recommendations

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor John Parker, recommends that:

- 1. City Council increase the approved 2012 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$200,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 funds received from the development at 20 Graydon Hall Drive, (source account XR3026- 3700461), to be forwarded to O'Connor Irish Heritage House Inc. (OIHHI) and the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) as joint recipients, for the purposes of capital improvements to, and/or heritage restoration of, O'Connor House, located at 50 Rowena Drive and owned by the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) as part of Senator O'Connor College School.
- 2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to OIHHI and TCDSB, jointly, following satisfaction of the following conditions:
 - submission by TCDSB and OIHHI of a joint letter to the Chief Planner and a. Executive Director, City Planning, describing their respective roles in the use of the Section 37 funds and the implementation of capital improvements to, and/or heritage restoration of, O'Connor House;
 - b. submission by TCDSB and/or OIHHI of a Letter of Intent describing the proposed capital improvements and/or a Heritage Conservation Plan detailing the conservation and rehabilitation work, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Heritage Preservation Services;
 - approval of the proposed capital improvements and/or Heritage Conservation c. Plan by the Manager of Heritage Preservation Services; and

^{*} 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.

d. following completion of 2.a., b., and c., above, the signing of a joint Undertaking by TCDSB and OIHHI governing: the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements (including a brief audited statement of expenses at project completion or when funds are expended); the implementation of the Heritage Conservation Plan and/or capital improvements; the retention, if deemed necessary by the Manager of Heritage Preservation Services, of contractors with specialization in heritage buildings under the supervision of the heritage architect who prepared the Heritage Conservation Plan; and the submission of a letter of substantial completion submitted by the supervising heritage architect upon project completion.

Summary

The O'Connor Irish Heritage House Inc. (OIHHI) is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the restoration of O'Connor House (50 Rowena Drive), part of Senator O'Connor College School and owned by the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) at 60 Rowena Drive. The OIHHI leases the O'Connor House from the TCDSB for a nominal amount. The TCDSB, the Federal government, and the Provincial government have all contributed funds for the restoration project. O'Connor House is a heritage building.

The City secured \$200,000 in Section 37 funds in the 2009 approval of a development at 20 Graydon Hall Drive, for the purpose of capital improvements to O'Connor House, with an appropriate agreement between the City and the TCDSB. The funds have been received by the City. The funds will be used by the TCDSB and OIHHI for capital improvements and/or heritage restoration purposes with respect to O'Connor House.

Both organizations will be required to jointly sign an Undertaking governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and the implementation of the work on the heritage building, before the funds are forwarded.

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Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM25.27