TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM27.10	ACTION			Ward:3

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Toronto District School Board for Retrofit of a Child Care Facility (Terry Tan Child Centre (Eatonville) at Eatonville Public School - by Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, seconded by Councillor Doug Ford

**** 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

Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, seconded by Councillor Doug Ford, recommends that:

1. Council authorize the transfer of $445,276.42 from the Section 37/45 Clearing Account 220096., fully funded by Section 37 community benefits from the development at 2,4, 6 Eva Road, to the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund XR1103. to provide funding for the construction by Toronto District School Board (TDSB) of retrofits (capital upgrades) to an existing non-profit child care facility operated by Terry Tan Child Centre (Eatonville) at Eatonville Junior School located at 15 Rossburn Drive.

2. Council authorize the increase to the 2012 Operating Budget for Children's Service's from $392.406 million gross, $75.811 million net by $445,276.42 gross $0 net to $392.851 million gross, $75.811 million net so that funds can be forwarded to TDSB in accordance with the terms of agreement between the City and TDSB for the construction of the child care facility at Eatonville Junior School.

3. Prior to any funds being forwarded to TDSB, TDSB enter into an agreement with the City with respect to the specifications, construction and operation of the child care facility, and the transfer from the City to TDSB, with terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Children's Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. City Council authorize and direct appropriate City officials to take all necessary action to give effect to this Motion, and authorize the General Manager of Children's Services to execute the agreement with TDSB on behalf of the City.

Summary

Authority is being sought to increase the Children's Services 2012 Operating Budget by

$445,276.42 secured in the development at 2,4, 6 Eva Road, to retrofit an existing, non-profit child care centre located at Eatonville Junior School, 15 Rossburn Drive. The construction would be carried out by Toronto District School Board (TDSB). The funds would be released to TDSB by Children's Services' Division in response to invoices submitted as construction proceeds. An agreement between TDSB and the City will be executed prior to any funds being transferred to TDSB.

The Section 37 funds were part of a larger amount secured in the development at 2, 4 and 6 Eva Road approved by City Council in May 27, 2009 for the purposes of "day care facilities". The total amount approved for "day care facilities" was for $700,000 (plus indexing). At this time, only Phase 1 of the Tridel development is proceeding so the amount paid by Tridel as of October 2, 2012 is 60 percent of the principal, or $420,000, plus indexing, as per the Section 37 agreement.

The Toronto child care capital strategy, in the 2010-2014 Toronto Child Care Service Plan, states that capital development will be guided by the principles of age and geographic equity. Based on these principles, Ward 3, does not receive its fair share of child care fee subsidies. The proposed changes to the existing Terry Tan Child Centre, located within the school are necessary due to the introduction of Full Day Leaning for Junior and Kindergarten age groups. Currently the capacity is 10 Toddlers, 52 Preschoolers and 30 School Age. The change will entail retrofits that will change the capacity to 10 infants, 10 Toddlers, 32 preschoolers and 30 school agers. This will result in a wider age range that families will be able to access. Some re-adjusting to classroom location will be made with the school in order to accommodate the school's Full Day Learning programming. The retrofits are capital upgrades to the existing child care facility.

The agreement with the TDSB will address, among other matters, the following:

- Length of tenure for child care operations (this will not affect the current Terry Tan lease).
- TDSB repayment schedule if use prematurely ceases as a non-profit child care facility.
- Children's Services to review/approve plans, specifications and budget for both internal and external work.
- Financial reporting requirements.

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Background Information (City Council)

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