

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.4	ACTION			Ward:26
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New Lead Organization for Flemingdon Park Youth-Community Space - by Councillor John Parker, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti

** 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 John Parker, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, recommends that:

1. City Council accept a contribution from the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office in an amount up to \$100,000, in replacement of the anticipated contribution from Flemo City Media for the Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Capital sub-project *Dennis R. Timbrell Resource Centre Phase 2*, to renovate a youth-community space at the Dennis R. Timbrell Resource Centre.
2. City Council direct the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to negotiate and enter into an Agreement with the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office that define the terms and conditions of use for the enhanced youth program space at the Dennis R. Timbrell Resource Centre, in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

At its meeting on July 12, 13 and 14, 2011, City Council approved a report titled "Acceptance of Donations for Capital Improvement at Two Community Recreation Facilities" (Item 2011.EX7.15) which authorized the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to receive a donation of up to \$100,000 to develop a youth-community space at the Dennis R. Timbrell Community Centre through a contribution from the Jays Care Foundation via Flemo City Media, and to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the donor organization.

The new space will address the lack of youth space for formal and informal programs and services in the Flemingdon Park neighbourhood and the lack of youth-focused programming for youth who are unemployed and out of school.

The Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office is an established community-based agency that has been providing services to residents of Thorncliffe Park and the surrounding communities for over 25 years. Since October 2012, this agency has joined the project as the new lead agency

with whom the City will enter into an agreement. This new arrangement frees Flemo City Media, a much smaller youth-led organization, of any expectation to fund the renovation and enables them to focus their efforts on facilitating youth participation in the project and developing innovative youth programming.

Authority is required to receive the contribution and enter into an agreement with the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office instead of with Flemo City Media. No renovations or improvements can be made to the youth community space until an agreement between the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office and the City is in place.

(Submitted to City Council on November 27 and 28, 2012 as MM28.4)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM28.4