

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Authorization to Release Section 37 and Section 45 Funds for Capital Improvements for the Front Street Pan Am Games Promenade - by Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*

** This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the 2013 Approved Capital Budget for Transportation Services, in the amount of \$1,496,459.38 gross, \$0 net, on a one-time basis, for the Pan Am Games Front Street East Promenade, for capital streetscape improvements to Front Street East between Jarvis Street and Parliament Street with funding provided by the following contributions:
 - a. Section 37 contribution associated with the approved development at 18 Lower Jarvis Street in the amount of \$508,582.71 (source: account number XR3026-3700301).
 - b. Section 37 contribution associated with the approved development at 1 Front Street East and 5,7 The Esplanade in the amount of \$608,470.30 (source: account number XR3026-3700362 and XR3026-3700363).
 - c. Section 45 contribution associated with the approved developments at 275 King Street East in the amount of \$177,056.31 (source: account number XR3028-4500084).
 - d. Section 45 contribution associated with the approved and 501 Adelaide Street East and 228 King Street East in the amount of \$202,350.06 (source: account number XR3028-4500085).
2. City Council direct that approval of Recommendations 1. a. and b. are conditional on the pending implementing zoning amendment by-laws coming into force to reallocate these Section 37 contributions to the Front Street Promenade improvements and the amending Section 37 Agreements being executed.

Summary

In 2015 Toronto will host the Pan and Parapan Am Games. Bigger than the Winter Olympics, the games will bring 10,000 athletes from 42 countries and over 250,000 visitors to the city. In addition to fast tracking the revitalization of the West Don Lands as the location of the Athletes' Village, the games will showcase the city's sporting venues, amenities, and the public spaces that connect them.

Front Street East will be a primary conduit for visitors who will be accessing venues and amenities during the games. A safe and beautiful streetscape is important to ensuring the success of the games and maximizing their economic impact.

At its meeting of August 17, 2010, Toronto East York Community Council directed staff to provide recommendations for a Front Street Pan Am Promenade Plan to include an inventory of improvements to the public realm and pedestrian connections during the games and after. City staff prepared a plan of enhancements in consultation with the local St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area and St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Residents' Association. The plan includes the burial of most of the overhead Hydro wires along the street, the replacement of all the street lights with heritage style pedestrian scale light standards, widening of the sidewalks at several intersections creating traffic calming and allowing new planters and landscaping, upgrading of all sidewalks, installation of decorative pavers along all the sidewalks in this area, wholesale reorganization of street furniture and utility locations to optimize pedestrian space, and several public realm enhancements to provide seating areas and landscaping along the promenade.

In order to achieve cost effective implementation, these works will be completed along with planned road resurfacing for Front Street East from Jarvis Street to Parliament Street in 2013. The costs of enhancements above state of good repair are being shared between BIA and Economic Development, Transportation Public Realm funding, and Section 37/45 contributions for streetscape enhancements.

Two of the Section 37 contributions are in the final stages of reallocation to this project and the budgeting of these funds will be conditional on zoning amendment bylaws coming into force.

This matter is urgent as city staff must issue a tender for the project before the next scheduled meeting of Council to allow for the most competitive bid process in the construction season, and to allow the project to be completed in 2013.

(Submitted to City Council on February 20 and 21, 2013 as MM30.28)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM30.28