
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM36.20	ACTION			Ward:22
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn Shelter for Capital Renewal of the Outdoor Green Space - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2013 approved non program operating budget by \$45,100 fully funded by Section 37 community benefits related to 50 Rosehill Ave. (source: XR3026-3700072), to provide a one-time grant of \$45,100 to the YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn for capital improvements to their outdoor green space.
2. City Council direct that the \$45,100 be forwarded to the YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn once the YWCA signs an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the reporting requirements.

Summary

Authority is being sought to increase the 2013 approved non program operating budget by \$45,100, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits, to improve the outdoor green space at the YWCA 1st Stop Women's Shelter so vulnerable and homeless women will have a place to gather that will maintain the security of the site and reduce disruptions to other neighbours.

The renewal of the outdoor green space will:

- provide access to safe, open meeting space for residents of the shelter and tenant community at 80 Woodlawn Avenue East where they can gather and relax outdoors without disrupting other neighbours;
- offer an improved environment for social and recreation programming (BBQs, celebrations);
- improve the safety features of the property so that intruders cannot enter the shelter through the back door. This will allow the shelter to extend the hours that the back door can be open for shelter residents; and
- improve the spirit of the 1st Stop community by revitalizing the green space and

encouraging women to take an active role in maintaining their community.

The \$45,100 in Section 37 funds obtained in the development of 50 Rosehill Avenue (source: XR3026-3700072) were secured through a condition of approval, for "community benefit: improving neighbourhood community services", and have been received by the City. The YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn will sign an Undertaking governing the purpose of the funds and the financial reporting requirements before the funds are forwarded.

YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn houses a 56 bed Emergency Shelter for single homeless women as well as 72 units of permanent housing for single women, creating a mixed community of women in various stages of their lives.

YWCA 1st Stop Shelter's main purpose is to provide emergency shelter services and supports to homeless women and youth. We provide an environment where homeless women feel safe and secure, finding the strength and support they need to achieve their personal goals. The program provides the practical support to assist women to pursue permanent, safe and affordable housing in the community.

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Background Information (City Council)

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-59267.pdf>