TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

| MM37.62 | ACTION | | | Ward:27 |
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Authorized to Release Section 37 Funds from 77 Charles Street West for the Church Wellesley Business Improvement Area Church Street Summer Parklet Project - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

* 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, recommends that:

- 1. City Council increase the approved 2013 Non-Program Operating Budget by \$50,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits from the development at 77 Charles Street West, (source account: XR3026-3700381), for the transfer to the Church Wellesley Village Business Improvement Area (CWVBIA) for the supply and installation of parklets for the Church Wellesley Business Improvement Area.
- 2. City Council direct that the \$50,000.00 be forwarded to the Church Wellesley Village Business Improvement Area upon the signing of an Undertaking by CWVBIA governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The City has a long-standing partnership with the Church Wellesley Village Business Improvement Area (CWVBIA). The CWVBIA is proposing to install parklets along the East side of Church Street through July to October 2013. Parklets will be created within existing on-street parking areas in curb lanes along Church Street in downtown Toronto. Each parklet will occupy a section of the street about as wide as a parked car (2 metres) and will range from 5.5 to 22 metres long.

Parklets are intended to meet the sidewalk grade to create a more walkable, accessible community with a variety of public spaces for passive use and active programming. The majority of these installations will be passive-use public realm enhancements with 2-4 of the installations serving as extended licensed patios for businesses in the community. The parklets can be stored and reinstalled on an annual basis during Summer months.

The parklets installations were approved at the June 18, 2013 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.

There is currently no funding included in the 2013 Capital Budget for Economic Development and Culture for this project.

The funds were secured as part of a \$100,000 cash contribution in the development at 77 Charles Street West for the purpose of area streetscape improvements, and have been received by the City.

Prior to receiving the funds, the Church Wellesley Village Business Improvement Area will be required to sign an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

This motion is deemed urgent in order for the Parklet project to be installed in July 2013.

(Submitted to City Council on July 16 and 17, 2013 as MM37.62)

Background Information (City Council)

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