

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM41.6	ACTION			Ward:22
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Toronto District School Board towards an Outdoor Learning Commons at Davisville Public School - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Peter Leon

** 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 Peter Leon, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2013 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$72,375 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development of 150 Roehampton Ave (Source Account: XR3026-3700023) for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for capital improvements to the school playgrounds at Davisville Junior Public School, and more specifically the Davisville Outdoor Learning Commons.
2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board has signed a Community Access Agreement with the City, governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and addressing community access to the improved facilities, drawn up in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the local community.
3. City Council authorize the execution of a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to the school playgrounds at Davisville Junior Public School, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
4. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to participate in the community consultation for, and preparation of, the Community Access Agreement and request the City Solicitor to draw up the Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and Community Planning staff.

Summary

This Motion seeks to support the Davisville Outdoor Learning Commons at Davisville Public School. Davisville Public School is an urban school in an urban environment. The school is

surrounded by high rise apartment buildings and a busy commercial strip on Yonge Street. Maximizing the utility of available green space is a priority for both the school community and the surrounding neighbourhood.

The new outdoor area will feature a vibrant learning and social environment with extra seating, a recycled art installation and music wall, environmentally sensitive play areas and a community library. In addition, upgraded play structures and new fencing for safety. Further, the play areas will incorporate picnic tables and existing components such as the greenhouse and gardens will be accessible for wider community use during non-school hours.

Section 37 funds have been secured and received in the development at 150 Roehampton Avenue for the purpose of improving community services and facilities in the neighbourhood, in the amount of \$287,000 plus accrued interest. This Motion proposes to provide a total of \$72,375 to the TDSB towards the cost of the Davisville Outdoor Learning Commons at Davisville Public School.

The playground does and will continue to serve the local community as a local park. The Community Access Agreement to be signed by the TDSB will contain provisions governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements, and access to the improved playgrounds at Davisville Public School. The Community Access Agreement will be executed between the City and the TDSB, drawn up in consultation with the local Councillor and the community.

(Submitted to City Council on November 13 and 14, 2013 as MM41.6)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM41.6