

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM50.16	ACTION			Ward:13
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds, 1844 Bloor Street West, for Capital Improvements to the High Park Straw Bale Teaching Kitchen - by Councillor Sarah Doucette, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** 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 Sarah Doucette, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2014 Operating Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation by \$15,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 benefits obtained in the development at 1844-1854 Bloor Street West, 35 and 37 Pacific Avenue, 6-14 Oakmount Road and Part of 18 and 18A Oakmount Road, (source account 220096), for the purpose of capital improvements to the High Park Straw Bale Teaching Kitchen.

Summary

Section 37 funds in the amount of \$1,550,000 were secured, and have been received, in the development at 1844-1854 Bloor Street West, 35 and 37 Pacific Avenue, 6-14 Oakmount Road and Part of 18 and 18A Oakmount Road. These funds are for local parks, local streetscape improvements and local non-profit childcare facilities, with \$15,000 specifically for the High Park Straw Bale Teaching Kitchen, a City facility located within High Park.

The High Park Children's Teaching Kitchen is the first City of Toronto facility built using straw bale construction and which features green building technologies including a green roof and newly installed solar panels which contribute clean energy to the Ontario Power Authority's Microfit program. The facility is located beside the High Park Children's Garden and further enhances the programming provided there by the Children's Eco Programs, allowing for year round activities and a further emphasis on healthy cooking and the whole "seed to table" experience.

The \$15,000 for the High Park Straw Bale Teaching Kitchen will be used for capital improvements to the facility including the completion of some minor items that were removed from the scope of the original construction of the building. These improvements include the final completion of the new solar panels, the installation of bird deterrent film to meet the City's Green Building Standards, and upgrading of the rain water harvesting system and compost

demonstration area. If funds remain, they would be put towards the installation of shade and cooling features at the site. The funds are being included in the Operating Budget because the overall cost of the project is less than \$50,000.

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Background Information (City Council)

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