
City Council

Notice of Motion

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| MM50.25 | ACTION | | | Ward:20 |
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for Upgrades to Ontario College of Art and Design University Gallery and Café Space at 199 Richmond Street West - by Councillor Adam Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell

** 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 Adam Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2014 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$631,917.43 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 benefits obtained in the development at 181,199, 203 Richmond Street West, and 10 Nelson Street, (source account: 220096), for the purpose of upgrades by the Ontario College of Art and Design University to the gallery and café space conveyed to the Ontario College of Art and Design University in the same development.
2. City Council direct that the funds be transferred to the Ontario College of Art and Design University once the Ontario College of Art and Design University's plans for the upgrades to the Ontario College of Art and Design University space have been approved by the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and the Ontario College of Art and Design University has signed an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

In the development at 181, 199, 203 Richmond Street West, and 10 Nelson Street, 743 m² of floor area is being conveyed as a Section 37 benefit to the Ontario College of Art and Design University (OCADU) for gallery and café space. In addition, \$631,917.43 was secured, and has been received by the City, as a Section 37 benefit in the same development, for upgrades to that space by OCADU.

The gallery and café space will be used by OCADU for OCAD University's Professional Gallery. The Gallery's mission is to draw from regional, national and international sources to create and host exhibitions, events and educational programs that inspire research as well as new ways of seeing and contextualizing contemporary design and art. Officially opened in

2007, the gallery features contemporary work by nationally and internationally significant artists and designers. Associated resources include the OCAD University permanent collection, which features art and design significant to the University's 138 years of history.

This new venue, with its street-front presence and 8,000 square foot specially designed facility will greatly improve the gallery's capacity to pursue its mandate of contributing vitally to Toronto's cultural enrichment while enhancing OCAD University's educational experience. OCAD University also plans to grow the institution's collection and program of exhibitions that will attract more students, faculty, community and cultural visitors from Toronto, Ontario, Canada and the world.

The Section 37 Agreement provides that the funds be used by OCADU to upgrade the OCADU space "into a first-class gallery space commensurate with the quality of design of the Development", and that the funds be forwarded to OCADU once the Chief Planner has approved the plans for the OCADU upgrades, and OCADU has signed an Undertaking to use the funds solely for upgrading the space. The Undertaking should also address the financial reporting requirements.

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Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM50.25