

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM50.36	ACTION			Ward:22
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Build a Community Garden in Oriole Park - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

** 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2014 Operating Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation by \$47,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 137, 147 and 35 Merton Street (source account: XR3026-3700614) to build a community garden in Oriole Park.

Summary

Oriole Park abuts several of the highest density communities in Toronto, including the Brentwood Towers and the Greenwin apartment complex. Most of the residents in these high rise apartment towers have little opportunity to grow their own fruits and vegetables.

That's why, as part of a participatory budgeting exercise, the local community voted to direct Section 37 funds toward a community garden in Oriole Park. A volunteer committee was subsequently struck and worked with City staff to design the garden and enact procedures to ensure that the new planting beds will be properly maintained.

This motion seeks to direct \$47,000 in Section 37 funds toward a community garden at Oriole Park in monies obtained through a development at 137, 147 and 35 Merton Street at no cost to the City of Toronto.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have deemed this motion urgent to meet deadlines for project completion during the 2014 construction season.

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Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM50.36

