
City Council

Motion without Notice

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Toronto District School Board towards an Outdoor Learning Commons at Morse Street Public School - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

- * Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
- * This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
- * This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2014 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$45,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development of 201 Carlaw Avenue and 66 Boston Avenue (Source Account: XR3026-3700270) for the purpose of forwarding funds to the Toronto District School Board for capital improvements to the grounds located on the right-of-way at Morse Street Public School, and more specifically, for the Morse Street Public School 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.
3. City Council authorize the execution of a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the capital improvements to the grounds at Morse Street Public School, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
4. City Council request the Director, Community Planning to participate in the 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 Morse Street Public School Learning Commons at Morse Street Public School. Morse Street Public School is an urban school serving a diverse community in an urban setting. Revitalizing the available green space and creating an outdoor learning opportunity is a priority for both the school community and the surrounding neighborhood.

The revitalized outdoor area will feature a vibrant learning and social environment with extra seating, environmentally sensitive play areas and plantings.

Section 37 funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 plus accrued interest have been secured and received in the developments at 201 Carlaw and 66 Boston Avenue for the purpose of improving local parks in the neighborhood. The lands to be revitalized are owned by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) but located in a municipal right-of-way. This Motion proposes to provide a total of \$45,000 to the TDSB towards the cost of the Outdoor Learning Commons at Morse Street Public School.

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 revitalized grounds at Morse Street Public School. The Community Access Agreement will be executed between the City and the TDSB, drawn up in consultation with the local Councillor.

(Submitted to City Council on May 6 and 7, 2014 as MM51.41)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM51.41