Motion without Notice

Request to Install/Expand Community Garden in Ward 38 - by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

* 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 Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to reduce the Facilities Management Division's 2013 Capital Budget in the amount of $100,000 for the installation of bus shelters in Ward 38 and reallocate such funds to Parks, Forestry and Recreation's approved 2014 Operating Budget for the installation of community gardens within Ward 38.

Summary
City staff have identified a shortage of funding for the installation of community gardens in Ward 38, Scarborough Centre, specifically the Bendale Acres Seniors/TCHC community garden and the Daventry Road community garden. Funds are needed for items such as fencing, water supply, gates, etc.

Funding currently held in Facilities Management 2013 approved Capital Budget in the amount of $100,000 for the allocation of bus shelters in Ward 38 remain unspent as the bus shelters are subject to the street furniture contract. Therefore, it is being recommended that such funding be reallocated to the 2014 approved Parks, Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget for the community garden installation.

This motion is urgent as construction of the two community gardens must start this spring in co-ordination with other construction/restoration projects.

(Submitted to City Council on May 6 and 7, 2014 as MM51.56)

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM51.56