
City Council

Motion without Notice

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Toronto District School Board for the Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School Accessible Playground - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** 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.*

** This Motion relates to an Interim Control By-law and requires a majority vote to introduce.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2014 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$300,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits related to 111 St. Clair Ave. West (source account: 220096) to provide one-time funding of \$300,000.00 to the Toronto District School Board for Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School Accessible Playground Project.
2. City Council direct that the \$300,000 be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board signs an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the reporting requirements and the maintenance of reasonable public access to the improved portion of the school grounds.

Summary

Section 37 funds have been secured and received in the development at 11 St. Clair Ave. West for local parkland.

Deer Park was one of the many schools that had their wooden play structures removed a decade ago. Unfortunately, a comprehensive playground has not been constructed to take its place. The few play apparatus' on site are inadequate for the special needs students at the school and in the wider community. This motion seeks to support the Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School toward their initiative to construct a new accessible playground.

In the absence of a City playground, the Deer Park school grounds serve that purpose for the wider community. The Section 37 Implementation Guidelines (section 5.7) approved by Council in 2007 states:

"Cash contributions toward the capital improvement of school board playgrounds are eligible S.37 community benefits where the playground serves as a local park, where the public will continue to have reasonable access for the foreseeable future, and where there is no local City-owned parkland performing a similar function in the same community that could otherwise benefit from the cash contribution."

The Undertaking to be signed by the Toronto District School Board will continue provisions governing the purpose of the funds as well as the financial reporting requirements. A separate Community Access Agreement will be executed between the City and the Toronto District School Board, drawn up in consultation with the local Councillor and the community.

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Background Information (City Council)

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