TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM55.24	ACTION			Ward:All

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds, 16 York Street (Block 9 Railway Lands East), for the Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Toronto Book Awards - by Councillor Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

**** 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 Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2014 Operating Budget for Transportation Services by $50,000 gross, $0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits secured as part of the development at 16 York Street, Block 9 Railway Lands East (source account XR3026-3700415) for commemorative plaques or pavers within the Harbourfront community in the vicinity of the development to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Toronto Book Awards.

2. City Council request the Director, Public Realm, Transportation Services to work with Protocol Services, Harbourfront Centre, Heritage Toronto, Economic Development and Culture, the City of Toronto Book Awards Committee and the local Councillor on the design, production, and installation on this commemorative project.

Summary

This Motion seeks authorization to amend the 2014 Operating Budget of Transportation Services to apply $50,000, funded through an agreement made under Section 37 of the Planning Act. Section 37 funds have been secured and received in connection with the rezoning of 16 York Street, Block 9 Railway Lands East (By-Law No. 494-2009) for various community benefits including public realm improvements in the Railway Lands.

In 2014, the City of Toronto Book Award will celebrate its 40th anniversary. At present there are street pavers on Queen Street West which mark names and titles of previous recipients up to 1996. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the City of Toronto`s Book Award, which is one of the oldest literary award programs in Canada, it is proposed that new plaques and pavers

be designed and installed to recognize this anniversary and that all the previous recipients of this prestigious award be included. An initial installation is planned for fall 2014, including a plaque at Toronto City Hall.

This project has been endorsed by the City of Toronto Book Awards Committee, the International Festival of Authors (now in its 35th year), and The Word On The Street Toronto (now in its 25th year). Recently a literary hub has been established at Harbourfront Centre through the partnership established between the International Festival of Authors and The Word On The Street Toronto. In 2015, The Word On The Street Festival will be relocated to Harbourfront Centre.

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Background Information (City Council)

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