Amendments to Heritage Toronto Operating Budget to Apply Section 45 Funds for Community Benefits Projects in Ward 27 - Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell

* 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2014 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto by $5,500 gross, $0 net, fully funded by Section 45 community benefits from the Committee of Adjustment decision for 1 Bloor Street East (source account XR3028-4500124)) for the production and installation of and to contribute to a maintenance fund for a heritage plaque in the Yorkville community.

Summary
Heritage Toronto is working with local advocates to commemorate the contributions of Walter Moos and Gallery Moos in the Historic Village of Yorkville and to the cultural development of Toronto. By introducing international artists to the city and mentoring Canadian artists, Walter Moos was a key catalyst in the transformation of Toronto into a vibrant cultural centre. As the first business to obtain commercial zoning on Yorkville Avenue, Gallery Moos was the pioneer in the development of the district. In June of 2013, Walter Moos passed away at the age of 86.

Walter Moos's first gallery was at the south-east corner of Avenue Road and Davenport, but in 1962 he applied for commercial rezoning of 136-138 Yorkville Avenue and, after much effort, succeeded in establishing one of the first businesses on Yorkville Avenue, which at the time, was a residential street and his move opened the door for all that Yorkville subsequently became and is today: from counter-culture centre to art gallery district and (now) luxury goods neighborhood.

This Motion seeks authorization to amend the 2014 Operating Budget of Heritage Toronto to apply $5,500, funded through an agreement made under Section 45 of the Planning Act, to fund the Walter Moos and Gallery Moos plaque project in the Historic Village of Yorkville.
Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM55.57
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-73006.pdf)