TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM55.77	ACTION			Ward:20

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for the King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District Plans - by Councillor Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

**** 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 Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2014 Approved Operating Budget for City Planning by $225,649.70 gross, $0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 12, 18 Mercer Street and 60 John Street ($51,453.04 from source account XR3026-3700299), at 295 Adelaide Street West and 100-104 John Street ($91,889.10 from source account XR3026-3700439) and at 181, 199, 203 Richmond Street West and 10 Nelson Street ($82,307.56 from source account XR3026-3700516) for the purposes of two Heritage Conservation District Plans required to complete the King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District Study.

Summary

King-Spadina was identified by City staff in 2012 as one of five areas that warranted study for a potential Heritage Conservation District (HCD). It was selected primarily because of the high level of development activity and the fragility of some of the heritage resources. The HCD Study confirms that the unique history and evolution of the area, combined with the existing heritage fabric, qualifies the King-Spadina area for designation under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act as an HCD, and has determined that the area should proceed to the Plan phase. The Study recommends that two separate HCD Plans be created for the King-Spadina HCD study area, a Commercial District HCD and an Entertainment District HCD.

Heritage Preservation Services (HPS) staff established a Roster of Qualified Heritage Consultants, and issued a Request For Quotation (RFQ) Work Assignment for the two Heritage Conservation District Plans. The cost and related expenses for the two plans are estimated at $225,649.70.

Section 37 funds in the amount of $51,453.04 including accrued interest have been secured and received in the development at 12, 18 Mercer Street and 60 John Street for HCD Studies in the King-Spadina Secondary Plan area.

Section 37 funds in the amount of $91,889.10 including accrued interest have been secured and received in the development at 295 Adelaide Street West and 100-104 John Street for HCD Studies in the King-Spadina Secondary Plan area.

Section 37 funds in the amount of $943,147.18 including accrued interest have been secured and received in the development at 181,199 and 203 Richmond Street West and 10 Nelson Street for HCD Studies in the King-Spadina Secondary Plan area.

The intent of this Motion is to authorize the release of Section 37 funds in the amount of $225,649.70 to City Planning for the purposes of funding the preparation of the two HCD Plans as a component of the King-Spadina HCD Study.

This Motion is presented without notice because the bid deadline for the HCD Plan RFQ occurred after the City Clerk's deadline, and the final estimated cost and related expenses were not yet known at that time. This is an urgent matter because, due to the municipal election, this council meeting is the last opportunity for release of Section 37 funds for this project in 2014. If this motion is not considered at the current Council meeting, start-up for this project will be delayed until early 2015.

(Submitted to City Council on August 25 and 25, 2014 as MM55.77)

Background Information (City Council)

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