

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM6.14	ACTION			Ward:28
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**Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds for the replacement of 6 bronze Toronto Historical Board plaques and for the production of 12 additional bronze and 1 enamel Heritage Toronto plaque in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood - by Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam**

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

1. City Council increase the 2015 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto by \$25,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits secured in the development of 1 The Esplanade (source account XR3026-3700574 for the replacement of 6 Toronto Historical Board plaques and for the production of 13 Heritage Toronto plaques in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood.

**Summary**

Section 37 funds have been secured and received in connection with the rezoning of 1 The Esplanade for a variety of community benefits including Heritage Interpretation in Ward 28.

Beginning in 1969, the Toronto Historical Board produced historical and interpretive plaques commemorating people, places and events in Toronto's history. In 2005, Heritage Toronto became the City agency responsible for heritage education, including plaques and markers. The St. Lawrence area contains a number of Toronto Historical Board bronze historical plaques which are worn, defaced and illegible or have been found to contain outdated information. Under the Toronto Historical Board's program, there was no dedicated funding for maintenance or replacement. Section 37 funds will be used to replace the illegible/damaged heritage plaques within the St. Lawrence neighbourhood with new Heritage Toronto bronze Inventory of Heritage Property plaques. These will be grandfathered into the Heritage Toronto plaques maintenance fund and Heritage Toronto will become responsible for their subsequent maintenance, including, if necessary, replacement.

There are a variety of interpretation plaques and markers within the St. Lawrence area, including plaques from Heritage Toronto; however there are also a number of significant sites

in the area that do not have plaques. These sites were identified through a Heritage Conservation District Study completed in the summer of 2013, and include 123 buildings on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties. Heritage Toronto proposes the installation of plaques on these buildings, according to the objectives of the St. Lawrence Heritage Interpretation Plan. The St. Lawrence Heritage Conservation District study area was identified as a high priority study area at the October 2, 2012 meeting of City Council and the heritage interpretation of the neighbourhood remains a priority. Through secured funds of \$25,000, Heritage Toronto will be able to install a total of 18 bronze plaques on buildings in the neighbourhood and 1 enamel commemorative plaque interpreting the heritage of the district.

Heritage Toronto has estimated the entire project, including the replacement of 6 damaged plaques and production of 13 new plaques to cost \$25,000.

As Heritage Toronto is a directly funded City agency and not considered an "outside party", no undertaking is required to be signed by Heritage Toronto governing the use of the funds and financial reporting.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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