Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Transportation Services' StART's Partnership Program for Mural Art on Bell Utility Boxes in Ward 10 - by Councillor James Pasternak, 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2015 Operating Budget for Transportation Services by $5,100 gross, $0 net, on a one-time basis for the StART's Partnership Program (Cost Centre: TP0408, GL 5200), fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 929, 931, 933, 935, 937 and 939 Sheppard Avenue West (source account: XR3026-3700124) for the purpose of completing eight murals on Bell Boxes in various locations within Ward 10.

Summary
Transportation Services' StART's Partnership Program provides funding for projects which support the program mission to revitalize and engage communities through street and mural art. These funds are to be utilized to transform eight Bell boxes in Ward 10 into works of public art, led by the non-profit organization Community Matters Toronto. The theme for the boxes will be determined in consultation with local residents and artists. Preference will be given to artists who live or work in the York Centre Ward. Some murals on the boxes will be selected as sites for mentor-trainee interaction opportunities. The exact locations of the murals will be determined in May in conjunction with community partners, including North York Arts.

Section 37 funds in the amount of $100,000 plus accrued interest have been secured and received in the development at 929-939 Sheppard Avenue West for various community benefits, including projects involving street and mural art.

The intent of this Motion is to transfer $5,100 of these Section 37 funds to the approved 2015 Operating Budget for Transportation Services on a one-time basis, for the StART's Partnership Program (Cost Centre: TP0408, GL 5200) for the purposes of painting murals on eight Bell utility boxes located in various Ward 10 locations.
Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM6.15