

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

<b>MM6.16</b>	<b>ACTION</b>			Ward:44
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**Request to accept in-kind donation for the rejuvenation of the Heron Park Playground in Scarborough East - by Councillor Ron Moeser, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker**

*\* 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 Ron Moeser, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept the in-kind donation of \$55,000.00 in playground and related equipment from KaBOOM!, Inc. and The Independent Order of Foresters for the rejuvenation of Heron Park playground.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into an agreement with KaBOOM!, Inc. to accept and install the playground equipment for the rejuvenation of Heron Park Playground on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**Summary**

Authority is being sought to enter into an agreement to accept a \$55,000.00 in-kind donation of playground equipment from KaBOOM!, Inc. and The Independent Order of Foresters (Foresters insurance) towards the rejuvenation of the Heron Park playground at 292 Manse Road.

KaBOOM! is a U.S.-based charity also active in Canada. Its mission is to provide a playground within walking distance of every child in North America. KaBOOM! recruits funding partners to provide the funds to purchase the playground equipment. In this case, the funding partner is Foresters, a member-governed organization active in Toronto. KaBOOM! has been a partner previously with the City of Toronto in other playground donations.

Central to the KaBOOM! philosophy is the involvement of the local community in the design and building of the playground to strengthen community bonds. In the case of Heron Park, the non-profit East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club is acting as a partner to recruit volunteers and help organize the project, under the supervision of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Heron Park is located in the West Hill neighbourhood, a designated Neighbourhood Improvement Area in the City's Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have worked with the local Councillor, the community and donors to develop and design a new playground structure to replace the old playground. Proposed build days are August 6, 7 and 8, 2015. Site preparation would take place August 6 and 7, while the final build with volunteers, donors, and Parks, Forestry and Recreation would take place August 8. All work would be done in accordance with the City's policies and contractual obligations, including the Fair Wage Policy and Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry Policies.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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