

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Authorization to Release Section 45 Funds to Toronto District School Board for the Deer Park Junior/Senior Public School Accessible Playground - by Councillor Josh Matlow, 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2015 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$350,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 45 community benefits related to a development at 2263-2287 Yonge Street, 10 Eglinton Avenue East and 25-31 Roehampton Avenue (source account: XR3028-4500167) to provide one-time funding of \$350,000.00 to the Toronto District School Board for the Deer Park Junior/Senior Public School Accessible Playground Project.
2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board once the Toronto District School Board has signed a Community Access Agreement with the City, governing the purpose of the funds, the financial reporting requirements and addressing community access to the improved facilities, drawn up in consultation with the Ward Councillor.
3. City Council authorize the execution of a Community Access Agreement with the Toronto District School Board for the new playground at Deer Park Public School, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
4. City Council request the Director, Community Planning to participate in the preparation of the Community Access Agreement and request the City Solicitor to draw up the Agreement, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and Community Planning staff.

Summary

Deer Park Junior/Senior Public School was one of the many schools that had their wooden play structures removed a decade ago. Unfortunately, a comprehensive playground has not been constructed to take its place. The few play apparatus' on site are inadequate for the special needs students at the school and in the wider community. This Motion seeks to support the

Deer Park School Junior/Senior Public School toward their initiative to construct a new accessible playground.

The local community has been able to raise an impressive amount of money toward this project but is still short of the \$500,000 needed to start construction this spring.

Section 45 funds in the amount of \$450,000 have been secured and received in the development at 2263-2287 Yonge Street, 10 Eglinton Avenue East and 25-31 Roehampton Avenue for the purposes of capital improvements and/or community, cultural or recreational space improvements in the local area.

This Motion seeks to contribute \$350,000 of these Section 45 funds, to help Deer Park Public School meet their construction timelines and begin building a new, accessible playground.

In the absence of a City playground nearby, the Deer Park school grounds serve that purpose for the wider community. The Section 37 Implementation Guidelines (section 5.7) approved by Council in 2007 states:

"Cash contributions toward the capital improvement of school board playgrounds are eligible S.37 community benefits where the playground serves as a local park, where the public will continue to have reasonable access for the foreseeable future, and where there is no local City-owned parkland performing a similar function in the same community that could otherwise benefit from the cash contribution."

A Community Use Agreement will be executed between the City and the Toronto District School Board, drawn up in consultation with the local Councillor and the community.

Background Information (City Council)

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