

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

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| MM8.7 | ACTION |  |  | Ward:20 |
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**Request to withdraw funds from the Ireland Park Reserve Fund and to amend the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2015 Operating Budget for the purposes of maintenance and upgrades at Ireland Park - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton**

*\* 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the withdrawal of \$23,086 from the Ireland Park Reserve Fund, XR3206, for maintenance and minor upgrades in Ireland Park, Ward 20, in keeping with the purposes of the Reserve Fund, leaving a balance of approximately \$36,692 in the Reserve Fund.
2. City Council amend the 2015 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget for Parks Services by \$23,086 gross, net \$0 to accommodate this expenditure in the current year.

**Summary**

Authority is being sought to transfer \$23,085.90 from the Ireland Park Reserve Fund, XR3206, to the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2015 Operating Budget for maintenance and minor upgrades in Ireland Park, Ward 20, consistent with the original purposes of the Reserve Fund.

In July 2000, Toronto City Council ratified a proposal from the Ireland Park Foundation to make the southeast corner of Bathurst Quay available for a memorial park to honour the Irish famine migrants of 1847. This was an ideal site due to its historical significance to the famine-just west of Dr. Reese's Wharf, where the migrants had landed, and just south of the intersection of Bathurst and Front Streets, where the convalescent hospital was located. The park was opened in 2007 through a partnership between the City of Toronto and the Ireland Park Foundation and has won awards for its design.

Concurrent with the park opening, City Council established the Ireland Park Reserve Fund, XR3206, through a \$50,000 donation from the Ireland Park Foundation. The purpose of the Reserve Fund is to provide "funding to be used to fund on-going maintenance, including, but not limited to grass cutting, tree maintenance, water, in-ground sprinkler system, garbage

removal, hydro costs" in the park.

As of June 23, 2015, the value of the fund was \$59,778 in principle and interest earned since the Fund was established. No withdrawals or transfers have been made from the Reserve Fund to date.

This Motion would transfer \$23,086 from the Reserve to the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2015 Operating Budget in order to undertake necessary maintenance and upgrades to the park, including:

- a. design and fabrication of interpretive signage to replace a broken interactive kiosk system;
- b. design and fabrication of wayfinding signage to address the absence of wayfinding signage at the park; and
- c. cleaning of the limestone monuments.

The funds would cover the cost of design, fabrication, installation and professional services.

The Ireland Park Foundation, working with the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, wishes to execute this work in the current construction season.

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

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