

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Transportation Services' Neighbourhood Improvements Program to Install Benches in Ward 32 - by Councillor Mary Margaret McMahon, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2015 Capital Budget for Transportation Services by \$43,055.63, \$0 net, on a one-time basis for the Neighbourhood Improvements Program (CTP415 - 02), fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at at 763 -765 Woodbine Avenue and 1945 - 1955 Gerrard Street East (source account: XR3026-3700635) for the purpose of installing benches and/or other streetscape beautification initiatives at various location on Gerrard Street East within Ward 32.

Summary

The Neighbourhood Improvements Program managed by the Public Realm Section of Transportation Services Division, implements streetscape improvements that enhance the environmental, social, cultural and economic climate of city streets. In addition to beautifying the streetscape, these initiatives encourage active transportation (walking and cycling) and community engagement and interaction. Most initiatives emerge from discussions among community groups and residents are often involved in the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of beautification projects.

The Beach Hill Neighbourhood Association has been very active in supporting community enhancements and activities that bring neighbours together. Its mission is to support the continued revitalization of the Gerrard Street commercial district by emphasizing a shop local attitude to sustain a walkable and thriving neighbourhood. To this end, among other things, the Association has proposed the installation of benches along Gerrard Street East, between Devon Road and Bowmore Road.

Section 37 funds in the amount of \$60,000 plus accrued interest have been secured and received in the development at 763 -765 Woodbine Avenue and 1945 - 1955 Gerrard Street

East streetscape improvements. The intent of this Motion is to transfer \$43,055.63 of these Section 37 funds to the approved 2015 Capital Budget for Transportation Services on a one-time basis, for the Neighbourhood Improvement Program (CTP415 - 02) for the purposes of installing benches and/or other streetscape beautification initiatives along Gerrard Street East within Ward 32.

Background Information (City Council)

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(July 8, 2015) Fiscal Impact Statement from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

(<http://www.toronto.ca/leqdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bqrd/backgroundfile-82129.pdf>)