

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

MM9.53	ACTION			Ward:10
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### **819 Sheppard Avenue West Disposition - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker**

*\* 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 James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. Upon the sale by the City to Toronto Heschel School of a portion of 819 Sheppard Avenue West, City Council authorize an additional portion of the sale proceeds in the amount of \$650,000 be deposited to the Alternative Parkland Dedication Reserve Fund (Account # 4200206) for the purposes of park improvements at the City owned portion of 819 Sheppard Avenue West and/or other local park improvements, with the remaining balance from the sale to be deposited to the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund per existing City Council Policy.

### **Summary**

As a result of Parks, Forestry and Recreation identifying a lower level of parkland provision in Ward 10, City Council at its meeting on October 26, 2009, by its adoption of Government Management Committee, Item GM25.20, authorized the acquisition of a surplus Toronto District School Board property municipally known as 819 Sheppard Avenue West for parks purposes.

The City of Toronto acquired 819 Sheppard Avenue West, taking title in 2010.

The City has retained the open space component of this property for park purposes and is selling the old school building to the Toronto Heschel School. This Motion seeks to allocate a portion of the proceeds of the sale back into the community to upgrade local city parks and allocate the remaining proceeds from the sale to the City's Land Acquisition Reserve Account.

In July 2015 Toronto Council authorized the allocation a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the city owned property at 819 Sheppard Avenue West, in the amount of \$455,809.57, to Account #4200206 for park improvements at the city park located at 819 Sheppard Avenue West.

A review of the needs of the local community has identified at an additional \$650,000 is

needed to complete a more comprehensive development of the park that could include play structures, shade structures, a splash pad, landscaping and improvements to the local school gym which the public would use as part of a community use agreement. If adopted, the motion would see a total of \$1.1 million allocated to on-site and/or local park improvements as part of the sales transaction.

The proceeds of the sale of the property have generated substantially more than the cost of the proposed park improvements.

This Motion is urgent as the sale of the property is expected to close prior to the next Council meeting.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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