

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Gardiner Museum for the Commission and Creation of Public Art on the Museum's Public Plaza at 111 Queen's Park Crescent - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2014 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$100,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 benefits obtained in the development at 86-100 Bloor Street West, (source account: XR3026- 3700152), for the purpose of funding the commission and creation of Public Art on the Gardiner Museum's Public Plaza at 111 Queen's Park Crescent.
2. City Council direct that the funds be transferred to the Gardiner Museum once the Gardiner's plans for commissioning the artwork and final project has been approved by the Ward Councillor, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and the Gardiner Museum has signed an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

The Gardiner Museum is planning a public art competition to create a ceramic work for the Gardiner Museum public plaza to be installed as part of the Museum's celebration of Canada's Sesquicentennial in 2017. The Gardiner Museum wants to encourage public art, and the use of clay/ceramics for the creation of large-scale works for prominent public areas. With funding support from the City of Toronto, there is the opportunity to heighten the awareness of the benefits of public art, enhance the appreciation of artists who work in clay and the versatility of the medium itself, as well as fund the production and installation of a work on the plaza.

The artwork will be situated on the Gardiner Museum's plaza, with the precise site selected in consultation with the architects of the building, KPMB. The installation will be highly visible to all passersby in the same way that the existing Jun Kaneko Untitled head is available as a piece of public art.

Funds have been secured through Section 37 benefits from the development at 86-100 Bloor Street West that included \$192,000 plus indexing and interest for the purpose of providing community services and facilities in the nature of local area improvements. These funds have been received by the City and have accrued interest. Of the original contribution and accrued interest, there remains approximately \$222,145 for local area improvements have not been spent or remain uncommitted.

City Planning staff advises that the proposed purposes of the funds as set out in the recommendations of this Motion and are in compliance with the respective Section 37 Agreements and are in accord with Council approved guidelines and protocols.

Background Information (City Council)

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