



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**
with Confidential Attachment

**Adjustment to the 2016 - 2025 Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Capital Budget and Plan to Fund the Acquisition of 47
Cedarcrest Boulevard**

Date:	April 11, 2016
To:	Budget Committee
From:	General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 31 – Beaches - East York
Reason for Confidential Information	This report is about a proposed acquisition by the City or one of its boards, agencies or commissions
Reference:	P:\2016\Cluster A\PFR\BU20-042616-AFS#22914

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain authority from City Council to adjust the 2016 – 2025 Capital Budget and Plan for Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR) by creating a new capital sub-project, in the Land Acquisition project, to fund the acquisition of 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard for parkland purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that:

1. City Council adjust the 2016-2025 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget and Plan by adding a new capital sub-project known as "Acquisition of 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard" with a cash flow identified in Confidential Attachment 1 to be funded from the Parkland Acquisition – East York Local Land Reserve Fund (XR2033) until depleted, the Parkland Acquisition – East York Reserve Fund (XR2055) until depleted; with the balance from Parkland Acquisition South District Local Land Reserve Fund (XR2208).
2. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 to this report remain confidential under the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 as it relates to the acquisition by the City of property.

3. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential information and recommendations contained in Confidential Attachment 1 of this report following the closing of any purchase transaction.

Financial Impact

Approval of this report will have a financial impact as the 2016 Parks Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget and 2017-2025 Capital Plan will be amended to create a new capital sub-project known as "Acquisition of 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard" in the Land Acquisition project, with cash flow in 2016, funded in the amount and from the funding sources set out in Confidential Attachment 1 of this report.

In the 2015 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget, \$70,000.00 was approved for a new pathway connecting the new park at 49 Cedarcrest Boulevard to Joshua Cronkwright Parkette via an easement through the private property at 500 Dawes Road. These funds have been carried forward to 2016 and will be combined with the \$15,000 approved in 2016 and \$335,000 planned in 2017, which was included in the 2016 Capital Budget for the Joshua Cronkwright Parkette and Cedarcrest Park. All three projects are funded by the South District Local Parkland Development Cash-in-lieu Reserve Fund (XR2209).

It is estimated that the cost to maintain and operate the new park at 49 Cedarcrest Boulevard will be approximately \$16,000 annually. The addition of the 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard site will increase the operating costs by about \$6,000 annually. Once the public consultation process is complete and the elements for the new park space are determined, the operating impact of this new space will be reviewed and included in the next full year's Operating Budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of February 17, 2016, approved the 2016 Capital Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation. Through item EX12.2 (28b and 29), \$15,000 was approved in 2016 and \$135,000 planned in 2017 for the Joshua Cronkwright Parkette Play Enhancement project; and \$200,000 in additional funds planned in 2017 for the Cedarcrest Park New Pathway project.

Council Decision Document Link:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX12.2>

The City of Toronto has started the expropriation process in order to obtain an easement interest in the abutting land at 500 Dawes Road for the purpose of building a public walkway. The report was approved and the expropriation is underway.

Council Decision Document Link:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.GM8.20>

City Council, at its meeting of March 10 and 11, 2015, approved the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2015 Capital Budget, including \$70,000 for the Cedarcrest Park New Pathway project through item EX3.4 (23.a.i).

Council Decision Document Link:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewPublishedReport.do?function=getCouncilDecisionDocumentReport&meetingId=9689>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Through the City's Surplus City lands process, the un-occupied City-owned land at 49 Cedarcrest Boulevard was transferred to Parks, Forestry and Recreation for use as a park. This new parkland is to be connected by a walkway to Joshua Cronkwright Park. The walkway is to run along the north edge of 500 Dawes Road. The City has initiated the expropriation process in order to acquire an easement interest along the edge of 500 Dawes Road in order to build a walkway that allows the public (in particular, school children) to move from Dawes Road through the site to Cedarcrest Boulevard in order to approach George Webster Public School at 2 Cedarcrest Boulevard. Design for the development of the abutting park at 49 Cedarcrest Boulevard, improvements to Joshua Cronkwright Parkette, and the new pathway through 500 Dawes Road, will take place in 2016, with construction scheduled for 2017.

Recently the home at 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard came onto the real estate market. After an assessment, City Staff concluded that the site at 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard should be acquired in order to increase the size of the 49 Cedarcrest park space.

Funding for the purchase of 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard was advanced from funds held by Real Estate Services Division, on the understanding that Parks, Forestry and Recreation would reimburse Real Estate Services for the total acquisition cost as set out in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report. This report seeks authority from City Council to create a new Parks, Forestry and Recreation capital project, funded from parkland acquisition reserve funds, for the purpose of reimbursing Real Estate Services for the purchase of this land. The funding for the purchase will be allocated from two East York parkland acquisition reserve funds, until both are depleted, with the remainder of the funds from the South District Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund (XR2208).

COMMENTS

The purchase of this site is to increase the size and usability of the as of yet un-built parkland at 49 Cedarcrest Boulevard. Funds for the purchase of the parkland comes from East York and South District parkland acquisition reserve funds, which has more than the amount set out in Confidential Attachment 1.

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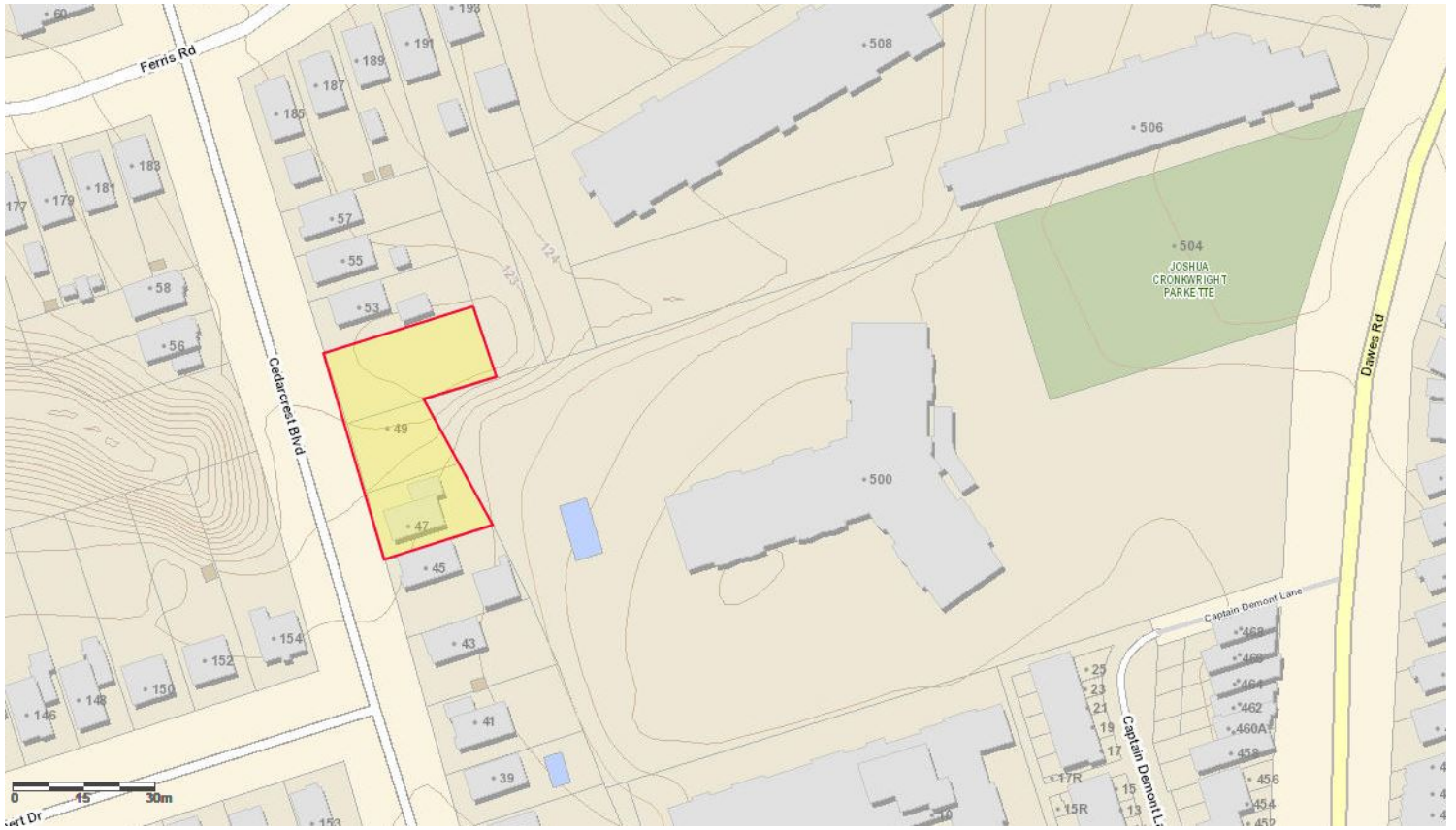
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Janie Romoff
General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1
Attachment 2 – Map of the Parkland at 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard.

Attachment 2



Staff Report for Action on Budget Adjustment to Fund the Acquisition of 47 Cedarcrest Boulevard