

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Release of Section 37 Funds for Local Streetscape Improvements to Mill Street, between Parliament Street and Cherry Street - by Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

** 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 Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2016 Capital Budget for Transportation Services, subsequent to the adoption of this budget, on a one time basis by \$450,000.00 gross, \$0 net, (cost centre CTP416-07) in order to undertake streetscape improvements on Mill Street, between Parliament Street and Cherry Street fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from the following developments:

- a. neighbourhood streetscape improvements, in the amount of \$250,000 (source account XR3026-3700337); and
- b. 424-460 Adelaide Street East, secured for local streetscape and and/or parkland improvements at the discretion of the Chief Planner in consultation with the Ward Councillor, in the amount of \$200,000 (source account XR3026- 3700710).

Summary

The Motion seeks authorization to amend the 2016 Capital Budget of Transportation Services, subsequent to the adoption of that budget, to include additional Section 37 Planning Act Reserve Funds of \$450,000 to finance streetscape improvements on Mill Street, between Parliament Street and Cherry Street.

Funds have been secured through Section 37 benefits from the development at 55, 60 Mill St. (390 Cherry St.) for the purpose of neighbourhood streetscape improvements. In addition, funds have been secured through Section 37 benefits from the development at 424-460 Adelaide Street East to be utilized for local streetscape and/or parkland improvements at the discretion of the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning in consultation with the Ward Councillor. The funds have been received by the City from these developments and sufficient monies have not been spent or remain uncommitted to satisfy this Motion.

In 2016, the City will undertake watermain work and resurfacing on Mill Street between Parliament Street and Cherry Street. Along with this state of good repair work, a number of additional improvements have been planned to beautify the area and enhance pedestrian and traffic safety. A working group of City staff, representatives of the Distillery District and the Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association developed the design and a public consultation meeting was held on January 19, 2016.

The improvements include a new and widened sidewalk on the north side of Mill Street, a realigned traffic signal at Parliament Street, “bump out” expanded sidewalks at intersections for more pedestrian space and to prevent illegal parking, replacement of trees, and decorative pavers at Trinity Street and Parliament Street intersections. These improvements will diminish traffic conflicts and improve pedestrian flow in one of the city’s most vibrant neighbourhoods and tourist destinations.

This Motion is urgent as the tender for the Mill Street watermain, resurfacing, and streetscaping project will be issued before the next meeting of City Council and funding must be allocated before then.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM12.28

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-90150.pdf>