Release of Section 45 Funds from 2263-2287 Yonge Street, 10 Eglinton Avenue East and 25-31 Roehampton Avenue to the Midtown Yonge Business Improvement Area for a Streetscape Masterplan - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb

* 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2016 Operating Budget for Non-Program, subsequent to the adoption of that budget, by $47,500 gross, $0 net, fully funded by Section 45 funds obtained in the development at 2263-2287 Yonge Street, 10 Eglinton Avenue East, 25-31 Roehampton Avenue (source account: XR3028-4500167), to provide one-time funding of $47,500 to the Midtown Yonge Business Improvement Area to conduct a Streetscape Masterplan for that portion of Yonge Street between Soudan Avenue and the Kay Gardiner Beltline.

2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to the Midtown Yonge Business Improvement Area upon the signing of an Undertaking by the Midtown Yonge Business Improvement Area governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements, including a requirement that the consultant developing the Streetscape Masterplan consult with staff from Transportation Services, City Planning and Economic Development and Culture.

3. City Council direct that the Request for Proposal for the Streetscape Masterplan include a provision that the local Councillor, the South Eglinton Residents' and Ratepayers' Association, the Oriole Park Association and the local community be consulted in its development.

Summary

The Midtown Yonge Business Improvement Area (BIA) has retained the services of a registered landscape architect to prepare a Streetscape Master Plan. The objective is to create a streetscape strategy and aesthetic vision for the BIA that is practical, budget conscious and organized into short-term (summer 2016), mid-term (3-5 years) and long-term (5+ years) timeframes. The Midtown Yonge BIA was established in 2014 and the development of a Streetscape Master Plan will result in a more coordinated and cost-effective pursuit of
streetscape enhancements in the area.

The development of detailed short-term project drawings is included in the terms of the contract. Short-term projects are those which occur at grade such as benches, planters and other decorative installations not requiring sidewalk removal/reconfiguration and are schedule to be implemented this summer (2016). Mid-to-long-term projects may include such improvements as pedestrian lighting, flankage yard parkettes and decorative paving treatments.

Funds in the amount of $47,500 have been received through a Section 45 agreement for the development at Section 45 Funds from 2263 to 2287 Yonge Street, 10 Eglinton Avenue East, 25 to 31 Roehampton Avenue.

This Motion is urgent to meet the Midtown Yonge BIA’s summer 2016 construction timelines.

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM12.29

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-90174.pdf)