

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM19.32	ACTION			Ward:8
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**Request to accept in-kind donation of new Playground at Driftwood Parkette in York West - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis**

*\* 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 Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept the in-kind donation of \$55,000.00 USD in playground and related equipment from KaBOOM!, Inc. and The Independent Order of Foresters for the Driftwood Parkette playground in compliance with the policy on Donations to the City of Toronto for Community Benefits.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into an agreement with KaBOOM!, Inc. to accept and install the playground equipment at Driftwood Parkette on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**Summary**

Authority is being sought to enter into an agreement to accept a \$55,000.00 USD in-kind donation of playground equipment from KaBOOM!, Inc. and The Independent Order of Foresters (Foresters insurance) towards the installation of a new playground at Driftwood Parkette, 359 Driftwood Avenue.

KaBOOM! is a U.S.-based charity also active in Canada. Its mission is to provide a playground within walking distance of every child in North America. KaBOOM! recruits funding partners to provide the funds to purchase the playground equipment. In this case, the funding partner is Foresters, a member-governed organization active in Toronto. KaBOOM! has been a partner previously with the City of Toronto in other playground donations, including successful builds in 2015 (Heron Park) and 2014 (MacGregor Park).

Central to the KaBOOM! philosophy is the involvement of the local community in the design and building of the playground, to strengthen community bonds. In the case of Driftwood

Parkette, the non-profit Black Creek Community Farm is acting as a partner to recruit volunteers and help organize the project, under the supervision of Parks, Forestry and Recreation. The local tenants' advisory council for Toronto Community Housing is also engaged.

Driftwood Parkette is located in the Black Creek neighbourhood (Jane-Finch), a designated Neighbourhood Improvement Area in the City's Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have worked with the local Councillor, the community and donors to develop and design a new playground structure. Proposed build days are August 11, 12 and 13, 2016. Site preparation would take place August 11 and 12, 2016 while the final build with volunteers, donors, and Parks, Forestry and Recreation would take place August 13, 2016. All work would be done in accordance with the City's policies and contractual obligations, including the Fair Wage Policy and Contractual Obligations in the Construction Industry Policies.

Driftwood Parkette currently does not have a playground. The playground and related equipment will be provided by KaBOOM!, Inc. and The Independent Order of Foresters.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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