

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Release of Section 37 Funds for Heritage Lighting Design at the Sony Centre - by Councillor Pam McConnell, 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 Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2016 Operating Budget for the Sony Centre by \$50,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development of 1 The Esplanade (Source Account: XR3026-3700574), in order to fund design of heritage lighting improvements to the building.

Summary

The Sony Centre for the Performing Arts ("Sony Centre") is a landmark building situated at a gateway location in the Old Town of Toronto. Designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the attributes of the Sony Centre relate to its design, associative and contextual value as an important example of Modern architecture that is linked to the cultural development of Toronto. Constructed from precast and reinforced concrete and steel construction with limestone and granite cladding on the exterior, its most distinguishing feature is a dramatic cantilevered canopy that covers the entrance and welcomes visitors to the theatre.

The Heritage Lighting Master Plan for Old Town Toronto establishes a strategy to highlight the distinctive architecture and heritage of the area and explore opportunities to improve the lighting of the public realm.

Funds have been secured through Sections 37 benefits from the development at 1 The Esplanade that included funding of \$100,000.00 for implementation of the Heritage Interpretation and Old Town Toronto Heritage Lighting Plans. Of the original contribution and accrued interest there remains approximately \$76,092 for heritage objectives that have not been spent or remain uncommitted.

Restoration of the original lighting of the canopy and additional lighting of the distinctive features of the building meets the objectives of the Master Plan.

This Motion seeks authorization to amend the 2016 Operating Budget of the Sony Centre to fund the design for heritage lighting improvements to the building.

As the Sony Centre is a directly funded City agency and not considered an "outside party", no undertaking is required to be signed by the Sony Centre governing the use of the funds and financial reporting.

Background Information (City Council)

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