

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM21.17	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Transparency for Section 37 Funds in the City of Toronto - by Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager, in collaboration with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to develop and implement an annual report to be presented to City Council annually in July of each year outlining in clear and unambiguous terms, the total Section 37 funds collected by Ward across the City in the previous year, the approved Section 37 expenditures in each Ward to December 31st of the preceding year as well as the total amount of funds remaining in any and all accounts for Section 37 funds in each City Ward reported by Ward, with reporting to commence in July 2017.

**Summary**

The collection, long-term accumulation and disposition of Section 37 funds under the Ontario Planning Act are among the least transparent issues at the municipal level of government in the City of Toronto. The amount of Section 37 funds collected in the City of Toronto since its amalgamation has totalled \$309 million in cash benefits as well as \$212 million in payments and accrued interest. There are also additional in-kind benefits that are significant. While there have been reviews, reports and discussions with respect to the issue of Section 37 funds within the City of Toronto the matter remains woefully inadequate in terms of transparency despite reports that currently take place. If public trust and confidence is to be maintained with respect to this area of City Planning then it is absolutely imperative that full and uncomplicated transparency be achieved with respect to Section 37 reporting standards.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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