

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Request to accept In-kind Donation from Hydro One for Park Enhancements at Robertson Davies Park - Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to accept an in-kind donation valued at \$200,000.00 of trees, shrubs, park furniture, and other amenities for park enhancement at Robertson Davies Park 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 Hydro One to accept the donation and undertake the work with Hydro One contractors, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to work with Hydro One to seek permission from Canadian Pacific Railway to construct a sound wall or other acceptable noise barrier on the Railway's property, adjacent to Robertson Davies Park.

Summary

At a Ward 22 community meeting in 2012, Hydro One assured residents that mature trees would not need to be cut down in order to keep limbs the safe distance required from the overhead electrical conductors. On September 1, 2016, Hydro One cut down 29 mature trees in Robertson Davies Park in error.

While the mature trees cannot be replaced, the local community and Councillor have been working to ensure that Hydro One make amends for its error to the fullest extent possible. At a September 28 community meeting, Hydro One committed to replacing the felled trees while also providing a noise barrier, and other park enhancements.

This Motion seeks authority to enter into an agreement to accept an in-kind donation valued at

approximately \$200,000.00 of trees, shrubs, park furniture, and other amenities for park enhancements at Robertson Davies Park, 275 Avenue Road.

As part of the project, Hydro One will also work with Canadian Pacific Railway to construct a sound wall on the Railway's property.

This Motion is urgent as there is an opportunity to plant the trees immediately while still in the planting season.

Operating funding will be determined once the scope of work is finalized and, if required, submitted for Council's consideration as part of future year Operating Budget Submissions.

Background Information (City Council)

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