

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM22.19	ACTION			Ward:22
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn Shelter for Capital Renewal of the Outdoor Green Space - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2016 approved Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$41,811.70 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits related to 50 Rosehill Avenue (source: XR3026-3700072), to provide one-time capital funding to the YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn for improvements to their outdoor green space (cost centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$41,811.70 be forwarded to the YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn once the YWCA signs an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the reporting requirements.

Summary

Authority is being sought to increase the 2016 approved Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$41,811.70 fully funded by Section 37 community benefits, to improve the outdoor green space at the YWCA 1st Stop Women's Shelter so vulnerable and homeless women will have a place to gather that will maintain the security of the site and reduce disruptions to other neighbours.

YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn houses a 56 bed Emergency Shelter for single homeless women as well as 72 units of permanent housing for single women, creating a mixed community of women in various stages of their lives. YWCA 1st Stop Shelter's main purpose is to provide emergency shelter services and supports to homeless women and youth. They also provide an environment where homeless women feel safe and secure, finding the strength and support they need to achieve their personal goals. The program provides the practical support to assist women to pursue permanent, safe and affordable housing in the community.

The renewal of the outdoor green space will:

- provide access to safe, open meeting space for residents of the shelter and tenant community at 80 Woodlawn Avenue East where they can gather and relax outdoors without disrupting other neighbours;
- offer an improved environment for social and recreation programming (BBQs, celebrations); and
- improve the spirit of the 1st Stop community by revitalizing the green space and encouraging women to take an active role in maintaining their community.

The Section 37 funds obtained in the development of 50 Rosehill Avenue (source: XR3026-3700072) were secured through a condition of approval, for "community benefit: improving neighbourhood community services", and have been received by the City.

The YWCA 1st Stop Woodlawn will sign an Undertaking governing the purpose of the funds and the financial reporting requirements before the funds are forwarded.

This Motion is urgent to allow the YWCA to meet their construction timelines.

Background Information (City Council)

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