
City Council

Notice of Motion

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Authorization to Release Section 37 and Section 45 Funds from Various Developments to Ryerson University for the Implementation of the Campus Public Realm Plan - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell

** 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 Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2016 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$500,000 gross, \$0 net, in order to facilitate the design work and construction costs of Public Realm Improvement Projects proposed for portions of Ryerson's main Campus (Operating Cost Centre NP2161), fully funded by Section 37 and Section 45 funds obtained from the following developments:
 - a. 186 and 188 Jarvis Street, secured for local parklands and streetscape improvements, in the amount of \$253,436.15 (source account XR3026- 3700717); and
 - b. 365 to 375 Church Street, secured for community improvements including local streetscape improvements, in the amount of \$ 246,563.85 (source account XR3028-4500158).
2. City Council direct that the funds be transferred to the Ryerson University once the University has signed an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

This Motion seeks Council's authorization to release \$500,000 in Section 37 monies to Ryerson University to fund the design work and construction costs of Public Realm Improvement Projects proposed for portions of Ryerson's main Campus. The first projects for implementation are described in Ryerson's Campus Public Realm Plan and include the

conversion of Gould Street to a pedestrian Plaza with consistent paving materials, new furnishings, new lighting and features to enhance the central gathering space on the Campus. This funding is the first instalment of a \$2 million commitment of Section 37 funds to the Campus Public Realm Plan.

Ryerson University, in collaboration with the Downtown Yonge BIA, has developed a visionary Campus Public Realm Plan that situates the institution as being seamlessly interwoven into the fabric of our downtown core. In consultation with City of Toronto Public Realm staff, Transportation Services and Urban Design staff, they have created a long-term plan that incorporates principles that align with the City's own goals of creating streets and open spaces that are engaging, vibrant, safe and accessible. Our post-secondary institutions are integral parts of our city and when they invest in the City's public realm, it is incumbent on City Council to support this work.

Section 37 funds have been both secured and received by the City from the development at 186 and 188 Jarvis Street for the purpose of local parklands and streetscape improvements to the satisfaction the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Ward Councillor. In addition, Section 45 funds have been both secured and received by the City from the development at 365 to 375 Church Street for the a range community improvements. Of these funds, there currently remains sufficient funds for this Motion that has not been spent or is committed.

City Planning staff advise that the proposed purposes of the funds as set out in the recommendations of this Motion are in accordance with Council approved guidelines and protocols.