Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM23.30 ACTION Ward:38

2850 Eglinton Avenue East - Eco-Roof Incentive Program Funding Agreement with the Toronto French Catholic School Board - by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

* 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 Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Director of the Environment and Energy Division to proceed with and finalize an Eco-Roof Incentive Program funding agreement, not to exceed $281,200, with the Toronto French Catholic School Board to construct a 2,812 square metre green roof on its building at 2850 Eglinton Avenue East.

Summary
The French Catholic School Board was approved for an eco-roof grant by City staff on September 14, 2015 that would allow a green roof covering 33 percent of the new school roof area to be built at 2850 Eglinton Avenue East.

Catholic French School Board staff had agreed, and had hoped, to build a larger green roof that would cover approximately 61 percent of the school roof, but could not build the larger green roof within the approved construction budget. The green roof is hoped to be used by school staff as part of the learning experience for the students at the school.

City of Toronto staff have indicated that the green roof project would be eligible for additional funding under the new eco-roof incentive program recommended to Council at its December 13, 2016 meeting. Unfortunately, the new approval/report writing process would not be completed in time to build the green roof, as the school is currently under construction and there is an immediate deadline to confirm construction plans with the current contractor. The City grant is required for the larger green roof to move forward. Delaying the approval would make it impossible to build the green roof as construction of the school would be completed.

City of Toronto staff support the application and have estimated that the grant available to the school, using the criteria approved by Toronto Council, would be approximately $281,200.

Background Information (City Council)
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