City Council

Notice of Motion

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Release of Section 37 funds from 2025-2045 Sheppard Avenue East for the production and installation of a plaque commemorating the O'Sullivan's Hotel - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Maria Augimeri

* 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 Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Maria Augimeri, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2017 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto by \$6,500 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained in the development at 2025-2045 Sheppard Avenue East (Source Account: XR3026-3700655), for the production and installation of a plaque commemorating the O'Sullivan's Hotel.

Summary

Built in 1860, the O'Sullivan's Hotel was a North York landmark until it was demolished in 1954.

Located at Sheppard Avenue East and Victoria Park Avenue, the hotel was built by Patrick O'Sullivan, an immigrant from County Cork, Ireland. He married Ann O'Reilly in 1853 and they built the hotel on her father's property. Patrick died in 1861 and his widow continued to run the hotel for over half a century. Her son Michael O'Sullivan opened a post office in the hotel in 1892 and the area became known as O'Sullivan's Corners. It was a centre of social activity in North York.

In the early 20th century, O'Sullivan's became popular with the sporting set in Toronto. It was reputed to be one of the finest eating establishments in the environs of the City. It remained a popular establishment into the 1950s.

This Heritage Toronto commemorative plaque, created in partnership with the North York Historical Society, will ensure that this history is remembered and shared with local residents and visitors alike.

Funds have been secured through Section 37 benefits from the development at 2025-2045 Sheppard Avenue East that included funding to be used for community facilities or parks improvements in Ward 33.

Background Information (City Council)

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